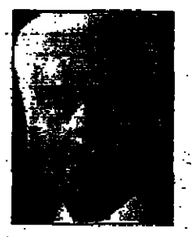
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Cabinet seeks 'urgent' solution as unemployment surges by 60,000

Jobless total to hit 3 million

■ Ministers shocked by last month's leap in the unemployment figures are looking across the Atlantic for ways to counter the relentless climb towards an all-time high

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND NICHOLAS WOOD

SENIOR ministers yesterday began an urgent study of schemes to curb unemployment — including a version of America's workfare — as the jobless total surged by 60,000 to within a whisker of three million.

John Major has told Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, that he is looking for quick results and officials say there is a "single-minded drive" across Whitehall to tackle the problem.

Yesterday's rise to a seasonally adjusted 2.97 million was much bigger than government and City analysts had expected, and the total is now certain to pass the three million mark next month. The rate of redundancies also suggests that unemployment will top the record 3.12 million in the summer.

Even as the December figures were being announced, more workers were being laid off. British Gas said it was cutting 1,200 jobs and Ford accepted that redundancies were possible at its Southampton Transit van plant. At the same time, the British Chambers of Commerce published a survey of 9,000 firms showing no sign of a let-up in job losses and the construction union Ucatt predicted that building industry unemployment would top half a million within a few months.

The statistics are bound to deal another blow to fragile consumer confidence, further



denting government hopes that the economy might soon pull out of recession. The pound also came under pressure in the wake of figures showing factory output down by 0.5 per cent in November. With speculation mounting that the Chancellor may have to cut interest rates before the Budget to lift the economy off the floor, sterling has lost nearly all of its new year gains.

In the Commons, the unemployment total triggered a fierce clash between the prime minister and John Smith, with the Labour leader declaring that the nation was tired of Mr Major's "feeble and lame excuses" and of his blaming everyone in the world but himself for blighting the lives of millions. The prime minister conceded that the figures were deeply disappointing, adding that they reflected job losses announced in the autumn. Then, big employers including British Coal, Ford, the Post Office, British Aerospace and British Rail declared large-scale redundancies that are now being reflected in the statistics.

As Mr Major insisted to MPs that he had a strategy to deal with unemployment, an ad hoc committee of senior ministers met for the first time to review existing schemes and consider new ideas for getting people back to work. The group is being chaired by Lord Wakeham, leader of the Lords and the government's chief troubleshooter, and options under consideration include a workfare scheme under which the long-term unemployed would work for their benefits. Nearly a million people have been out of work for a year or more, and the Downing Street policy unit has floated the idea of making 250,000 job placements available to put such people back in touch with the workplace so that they become more attractive to employers.

The group also examined plans to help more unemployed people start their own firms and incentives for the jobless to take college courses.

Plans for a pilot workfare-style scheme are already well under way, and trials could begin in north Norfolk in April. That would involve offering people aged between 18 and 24 the opportunity to carry out community-based work in return for their benefit plus £10 a week. The scheme would not be compulsory, and it is not wholly in line with the American workfare, under which anyone who refuses such work is denied benefit.

Ministers are wary of American-style workfare, partly because of their poor political reputation and partly because of their likely costs. Mrs Shephard is known to be concerned about the cost of administering such a scheme — estimated by lobbyists to be in the region of £850 million.

The idea is, however, gaining ground because of the active support it receives in America from President Clinton, who operated it successfully in Arkansas.

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PHOTOGRAPHER AND PRINCESS CLASH OVER 'HARASSMENT'





Too close an encounter: Duncan Raban, a freelance photographer, irritated the Princess of Wales by pestering her to pose as she visited an Asian centre in London, yesterday. Detectives warned Mr Raban to stay away. Details, page 2

Heseltine denies failing to tell Shephard of pit plans

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

MICHAEL Heseltine launched a counter-attack last night in the increasingly bitter cabinet battle over the pits closure programme.

On the day a Commons committee sharply criticised the government's handling of the proposed shutdown of half the country's mines and called for a halt to all the closures, the President of the Board of Trade acted to counter suggestions that he had kept his cabinet colleagues in the dark.

He let it be known that he rejected one of the main findings of the employment's committee's report — that he had not fully informed Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, over the employment consequences of the plan to close down 31 pits. In a highly unusual move, Westminster sources released details of ministerial meetings and correspondence dating back to early last summer showing that cabinet ministers were discussing a large number of pit closures at that time.

It was asserted that Mrs Shephard was first informed about the programme on July 24, when a letter from Mr Heseltine to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, concerning the redundancy terms was copied to her. Sources close to Mr Heseltine said Mrs Shephard was subsequently kept informed about a meeting in September and received at least three letters about it in September and October.

It was said that a cabinet meeting on June 17 last year which discussed a substantial pit shutdown programme was attended by nine ministers, including the Chancellor.

Yesterday's report from the Commons employment committee called for a halt to the closure scheme pending a review of its impact on jobs and accused British Coal of "monstrous mistakes" in the months leading up to last autumn's announcement. The British Coal chairman, Neil Clarke, rejected the charge.

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Lord King issues new apology

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

LORD King of Wartnaby, the chairman of British Airways, last night again apologised to Richard Branson as an internal enquiry cleared all senior BA board members of being implicated in a "dirty tricks" campaign against Virgin Atlantic.

Lord King reiterated his good will towards both Mr Branson and his airline. "I would also like to apologise to everyone affected, especially all our people, our shareholders and our customers," he said. "I can assure them that we will conduct our affairs now and in the future in the manner that they expect from the world's favourite airline."

The investigation, by the City law firm of Linklaters and Paines, into "the conduct of directors and employees in connection with the various allegations made by Virgin Atlantic" had shown that the "regrettable conduct" was confined to a relatively small number of unconnected incidents involving "a very small number of employees", the board was told.

Mr Branson said last night that he was unsatisfied with the apology. He said the key issue was "the serious commercial damage caused to our airline" during the long run-up to the court case.

"We will be talking to BA at their request and will be looking for more concrete proposals than those that emerged today," he said.

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Cabinet to question UK role in Bosnia

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE possibility that the United Nations may ask for British troops in Bosnia to be used in a peacekeeping role has prompted John Major to call cabinet ministers to Downing Street today for discussions to "fill the vacuum" in British policy.

Lord Owen, co-chairman of the Geneva peace conference, will attend the meeting amid growing Whitehall speculation that the decision by the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan has brought closer the likelihood that British forces could be asked to switch from a humanitarian to a potentially military role.

'When they apologise for the 3ft hole in the wall beside the bed, you wonder more about the availability of hot water than the chance of another tank round taking the same route'

CHARLES BREMNER IN SARAJEVO, PAGE 11

The 2,400 British troops in Bosnia and the naval task force led by HMS *Ark Royal* could be asked to keep apart the warring factions while the plan is put into effect.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and the prime minister are all believed to share Conservative MPs' overwhelming opposition to the idea, fearing that it could result in Britain being sucked into the conflict.

The key issues at today's meeting are the response to any request for the role of British forces to be extended, the role of the naval task force, and the long-term future of the relief effort. The government has committed British forces to the area for a year; the task force has been presented by ministers purely as an "insurance policy" to cover a withdrawal or to reinforce or relieve troops under attack.

Most Conservative MPs have told party whips that they have no enthusiasm for extending the role of British forces in Bosnia. In a speech on Wednesday Mr Rifkind said Britain should not commit military forces to international peace enforcement operations where there was no prospect of a military solution.

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Jet attack on Iraqis stops party for Clinton

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND RICHARD BEESTON

AMERICAN and Iraqi forces clashed again yesterday, ending a two-day-old ceasefire and bringing President Clinton's protracted inaugural festivities to an abrupt and sobering conclusion on his first full day in office.

The Pentagon said two American warplanes patrolling Iraq's northern no-fly zone had attacked an Iraqi missile battery that had "illuminated" a French reconnaissance plane with its radar.

Last night the Iraqi government maintained an official silence over the first apparent violation of the unilaterally declared ceasefire. Iraqi officials refused to say why one of their anti-aircraft batteries was still tracking coalition aircraft above the 36th parallel with radar, suggesting that the incident may have been caused by a mistake.

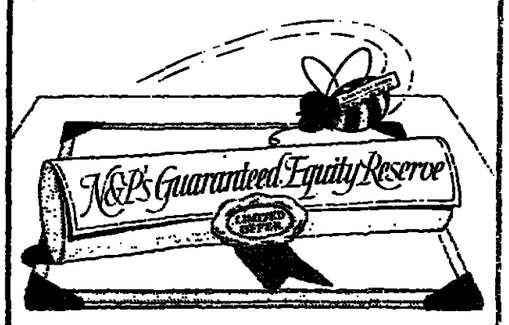
Mr Clinton said the response was proof that his administration would continue to insist on Iraq's full compliance with UN resolutions. "We are going to adhere to our policy. We are going to stick with our policy. It is an American policy," he declared.

This was the first clash since President Saddam Hussein offered the ceasefire on Tuesday in what Baghdad called a goodwill gesture to the new administration. One Pentagon official said the incident meant that "we're back in the cat-and-mouse game", but it was not clear whether Saddam was breaking the ceasefire to test Mr Clinton's resolve or whether the battery had acted independently. "Either someone didn't get the word, orders weren't obeyed, or all bets are off," another official said.

Baghdad did permit a UN weapons inspection team to land without interference yesterday. Five more teams are scheduled to land today, tomorrow and next week.

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Kelvin MacKenzie tells MPs his paper has become hero of the working man in privacy debate

Sun editor ridicules statutory curbs on freedom to publish

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KELVIN MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, donned the mantle of protector of the "ordinary people" yesterday as he attacked his critics on the Commons heritage committee for being hostile to the press.

Marching into the lion's den, he told MPs investigating press intrusion that his newspaper had become the "hero of the working man" since Sir David Calcutt recommended statutory controls.

He said it was a "disgrace" that the Calcutt enquiry had taken evidence from members of the establishment, such as two members of the Queen's staff, while he was originally denied the chance to give evidence.

He taunted his audience about the fabled list of clients — said to include many MPs — of Lindi St Clair, the missing prostitute, defended publication of the "philanderings" of the royal family, and wished aloud that he could find more scandals.

During its enquiry, the cross-party committee has compiled a dossier of people's experiences when the press pack descended on them after disasters or disclosures about their private life.

Expecting a rough ride yesterday, Mr MacKenzie immediately weighed in against the MPs, making clear he was totally unapologetic about *The Sun's* coverage. "I frankly believe you are hostile to the press and you are hostile to ordinary people knowing what is going on in public life," he said.

If Britain had the same laws as the United States, for instance, his newspaper could publish the "dirt file" of Lindi St Clair. "If we had the US privacy laws, we could publish the name of every single MP named in the Lindi St Clair file, every single one of their alleged sexual peccadillos, and you could not claim one single penny," he said. "So all this nonsense about wanting US privacy laws — you guys must be *nuts*!"

He stood up for editors who published transcripts of the "Camillagate" tapes as they concerned the next defender of the faith cuckolding someone else's wife. "What you are saying is that the whole world can know but not you poor people in the United Kingdom; not you people who pay their taxes, who support their castles."

Gyles Brandreth, Tory MP for Chester, described Camilla Parker Bowles as a private citizen suffering from press attention. Mr MacKenzie retorted: "When you sleep with the next King of England, I think you go into rather a different stratosphere than the ordinary person you have in mind."

In an earlier hearing Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, had cited the case of the man who inadvertently glued his buttocks together when mistaking superglue for piles cream. Mr Ashton said the man had complained the story had made him a laughing stock. Mr MacKenzie said yesterday that the man depicted under the headline "Our John's gone potty and glued up his botty" had approached *the newspaper himself with* the story.

However, in a rare conciliatory interlude at the hearing, he disclosed that all freelances working for his paper will be required to abide by the Press Complaints Commission's code of conduct in future.

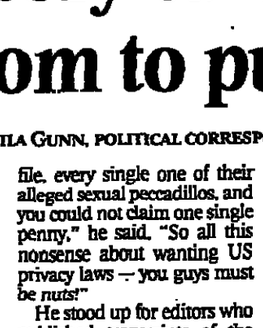
"I believe that the PCC is working reasonably well, although they got their knickers in a twist over the royal family during the summer and made a couple of terrible errors. We have tried very very hard to keep within its code," he said. "We are trying harder now to make sure we do not get into a position where are critics can attack use."

That did not mean *The Sun* would stop publishing stories about Norman Lamont's credit card, he said, but would ensure they were 100 per cent true. Whatever new laws were introduced, he would still print the story if the entire cabinet were involved in toe-sucking liaisons, however they were discovered, he added.

At a Westminster press conference yesterday, the Labour MP Clive Soley said that he wanted to shift the emphasis of his freedom and responsibility of the press bill, to be debated next Friday, from controlling the press to protecting press freedom and promoting accurate reporting.

Mona Shourbaji, formerly Mrs Baurwens, and a close friend of David Mellor, said she supported the bill because press coverage of her libel action had turned her into a commodity.

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Brandreth: attacked "Camillagate" stories



Opposite corners: Mona Shourbaji, a friend of David Mellor, and Kelvin MacKenzie offer differing views on press freedom yesterday

The lash of a tabloid tongue echoes in baroque splendour

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

You guys must be nuts! MPs blinked. This was a select committee, dammit! They were not used to being spoken to like this by a witness. Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, was offering MPs his opinion of them amid the baroque splendour of their committee room 15.

MacKenzie had been summoned to assist the national heritage committee's enquiry into press intrusion. Possibly they expected a tabloid editor to be cowed, apologetic. They had been planning what MPs call a "grilling". There was a *grilling: MacKenzie grilled* the MPs. He treated them to a display of insouciance, impertinence, jokey camaraderie and contempt.

Striding in, flanked by two aides (one shaking visibly) the editor of *The Sun* turned to the doorkeeper: "Can I say what a pleasure this is?" he grinned to the surprised policeman. It set the tone.

MPs picture tabloid editors in one of two forms: either tattooed and crew-cut with bovver boots, or sharp-suited and blow-dried with medallions. But before them, hunched and brooding, sat a big fellow who looked like a clever boxing manager: soberly dressed; by turns bored, thoughtful, or belligerently frank.

"Go right ahead," he barked at a surprised chairman, Gerald Kaufman, who had presumably intended to.

"We have no views on anything," said Kaufman, assuring us of his open mind. "I don't believe that," said MacKenzie.

Winded, Kaufman wobbled into an opening question about Camilla Parker Bowles whom (it seems) MPs include among the "ordinary people" they seek to protect. On these criteria MPs too may be ordinary people.

"Of course you gentlemen could just troop down to the Strand and pick up a huge amount of tax-free wonga from the libel courts," MacKenzie sneered.

Most were unsure how to react. Columnist Joe Ashton (Lab) had questioned *Sun* coverage of a man's confusing superglue with haemorrhoid cream. "John's gone potty and glued up his botty" cackled the editor, recalling his own headline. To Ashton he began: "After many years of taking the tabloid shilling yourself, Joe . . ." Ashton smiled.

Others looked dazed. The committee failed to press its advantage, for MacKenzie was careless, murmuring: "We only write the truth, now." *Nobody enquired when it was* that his paper had adopted this practice, or what had been his previous habit.

It was a curious session. Truth to tell, both sides seemed to be enjoying it. MPs grinned when their witness referred to "Lindi St Clair, a woman known — or not known — to some of you". She kept a list, he said, staring into space. "There are some extraordinary names in there." Just his little joke. "Everybody's having a good time," said Mr Kaufman. In a way they were.

At the end of *Animal Farm* Orwell describes a scene in which the pigs and the humans, sworn enemies, begin to drink and play cards together. A similar impression grew on this sketchwriter. In committee room 15 sat two opposed estates: rival careers but with something in common.

In different ways both of them were in the business of playing to the gallery of the masses. And both were in the habit of aiming low, very low. Tabloids do it better, that's why MPs are angry. They're jealous.

"If we knew as much about the editors of tabloids," John Gorst asked Kelvin MacKenzie, "*as you do about us, would we* have the same low opinion of *you*?"

"Probably," said MacKenzie.

Pressure on porn TV channel hots up

Pressure on the government to stop reception in Britain of Red Hot Dutch, a satellite television channel devoted to explicit pornographic films, intensified yesterday as the Broadcasting Standards Council made public its report on the channel sent to Peter Brooke, the heritage minister, last November. The report said the channel, launched last July, shows "explicit sex between males and females, including oral sex, close up shots of penetration and ejaculation". Group orgies were commonplace and other sequences involved penetration with a variety of instruments, the report added.

The channel was originally transmitted by satellite from The Netherlands but has moved to Denmark. It is beamed across Europe from Eutelsat, which requires a special receiving dish and decoder rentable, according to the BSC, for £47.25 a quarter. The BSC said that legal advice indicated that the government could proscribe the channel under the Broadcasting Act 1990 without breaking its international obligations to allow broadcasts from other European countries.

Woman driver attacked

A young woman was viciously attacked as she tried to summon help after her car had broken down. The 19-year-old was beaten round the head and face by a man after she turned down his offer of a lift. Police believe her ordeal may have been prolonged because passing motorists thought the two were having a lover's tiff. The attack happened at Ryall, near Upton upon Severn, Worcester. A man in a small white van stopped and offered her a lift but she refused. The heavily set man, also aged about 19, drove off but then stopped a short distance on and got out and attacked her. The man fled only after motorists, angry at the badly parked van on a narrow stretch of the road, sounded their horns.

Conviction upheld

Newspapers and television are breaking the law in Scotland if they use photographs of a child involved in children's hearing proceedings even though the child's features are blacked out to avoid identification, the appeal court in Edinburgh has ruled. The judges upheld the conviction of Bette McArdle, who as group editor of the Highland News Group published a photograph of a mother and her nine-year-old daughter with faces blacked out three weeks after a children's hearing. The accompanying article in *The Highland News* on August 17, 1991, gave the mother an opportunity to state her views. Mrs McArdle had been fined £250 for a breach of the Social Work Scotland Act.

Wood verdict reserved

A High Court judge yesterday reserved judgment on a challenge to the government's plan to drive a six-lane motorway for the east London river crossing through the capital's last ancient woodland. Mr Justice Hutchison said he would take time to consider the legality of the proposals for Oxleas Wood *in southeast London. During* the four-day hearing, nine residents and the London borough of Greenwich asked the judge to quash the decision taken in November 1991 by Michael Heseltine, then the environment secretary, to certify that land offered to the public in exchange for the loss of the 8,000-year-old wood was "a fair exchange of equal advantage".

Flood aid for farmers

Farmers hit by floods gave a cautious welcome last night to a government *promise of cash aid as* fierce storms again swept Scotland. In gales of up to 90mph, lorries were blown over, ferry services disrupted and speed restrictions were introduced on the Forth, Erskine and Kingston bridges. Sir Hector Monro, the Scottish agriculture minister, said the government would increase grants for farmers to repair flood banks *from 50 to* 75 per cent in some districts and from 40 to 60 per cent in others.

The Queen recovers

The Queen has fully recovered from a stomach infection that has affected 20 people at Sandringham House and went yesterday with the Queen Mother to pay their annual visit to Sandringham Women's Institute in West Newton, Norfolk. One member asked the Queen if she was feeling better and she replied: "Thank you, yes." She took clocks from Sandringham to display in a members' exhibition and the Queen Mother, who is branch president, signed minutes and gave a short speech.

Ship's master was drunk

A ship's master was drunk when his vessel hit rocks on Shetland in force nine winds, Lerwick Sheriff Court was told yesterday. Frederick Arthur Thompson, 60, of Grimsby, admitted being under the influence of alcohol while in charge of the standby boat *Cam Victor* as she navigated out of Lerwick harbour on Wednesday night. He was fined £1,000. The court was told that Mr Thompson had drunk five pints of beer and two or three double whiskies during the day, while repairs on the the boat were being carried out.

Detectives stop photographer pestering Princess of Wales

THE Princess of Wales today clashed with a persistent photographer who was trying to get too close to take his pictures.

Duncan Raban, a freelance photographer, was twice warned away from the princess by her detectives as she visited an Asian centre at Walthamstow, north-east London.

On the first occasion, as the princess arrived, Mr Raban was taking close-up shots away from other photographers, which lead her to turn on him and say "Please".

When the princess emerged for an impromptu walkabout, Mr Raban followed her along the line of well-wishers gathering to shake her hand.

Eventually, the princess, who was clearly irritated, told him: "Please, please. Will you leave me alone. Stop pestering *me*."

Mr Raban was then warned away a second time by one of the princess's detectives.

Earlier the princess, wearing a garland of dahlias, watched as Fatima Baig and Khurrun Ahmed, both 9, demonstrated how to use martial arts to repel a mugger.

The community centre also gave displays of Eastern dancing. The princess warmly thanked all those at the centre who had performed for her, and joked to some of the *young martial arts students*: "I bet it got you a morning out of school."

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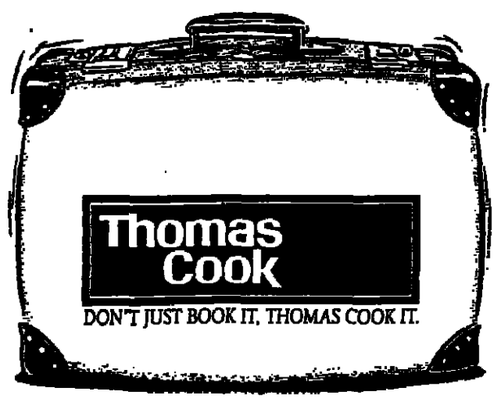
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Mackay pledges to push through legal aid savings

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is to press ahead in April with the most radical cuts to the legal aid scheme in its 40-year history, despite last-ditch attempts by the profession to put forward alternative measures.

In an article in *The Times* today, he sets out for the first time publicly the reasons for the cuts, described by lawyers as a devastating blow that alters the whole basis of the legal aid scheme and its original aim of giving everyone equal access to the law. He also gives his backing to the proposals, making it clear that he is not simply at the mercy of Treasury constraints but personally supports the need to cut the soaring legal aid bill.

At the same time, Lord Mackay signals his determination to go ahead with the widely criticised proposals for standard fees for magistrates' court work and for a national franchising scheme, where firms of solicitors bid for contracts with the Legal Aid Board to undertake block contracts of work.

The franchising proposals, in which firms that win contracts are likely to be subject to strict standard controls and monitoring, are expected to come into force this summer. The proposed cuts to legal aid, announced in the Autumn Statement, are estimated to affect 12 million to 14 million people (37 per cent of households) who either become ineligible for legal aid altogether or will have to pay more towards their costs.

The profession's only hope of stopping the cuts now appears to be a parliamentary campaign. Lord Mackay intends to lay the regulations for the changes as soon as possible and these must be approved by both Houses of Parliament. A mass lobby is planned for February 3 and more than 70 MPs have signed an early day motion.

The Law Society and the Bar have put forward a series of radical cost-cutting measures aimed at raising the £43 million that the Lord Chancellor believes his proposals will save in the first year. They include an end to the practice of a solicitor or his clerk sitting behind counsel in many legal aid cases, cutting out the need for lawyers to attend court for unopposed adjournments in magistrates' courts, and ending the need for a junior barrister as well as a QC to be paid in many cases.

The profession is considering further proposals to find the required savings of £110 million in 1994-5 and £173 million in 1995-6. But the short timescale makes any movement on these other measures highly unlikely.

A Lord Chancellor's department official said: "The Lord Chancellor welcomes the fact that the Law Society and Bar recognise the need for savings to be made and that changes must be made to practices and procedures. But it would extremely difficult to have new proposals go before the cabinet so they could be introduced by April 1."

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Opting out a success says Major

BY NICHOLAS WATT

INCREASING numbers of parents are seeing the benefits of taking their children's schools out of local authority control and 648 schools have so far opted out, John Major said yesterday.

Parents were putting money in the classroom where it belonged instead of subjecting schools to unnecessary local authority controls, he said at prime minister's question time. "They are voting for grant-maintained schools in increasing numbers, and the reason for that is entirely clear," Mr Major said. "They have discovered since opting-out that they can employ more staff, take on more pupils, enhance special needs provision and provide more books."

Mr Major's comments came as it was announced that parents in his Huntingdon constituency had rejected a proposal to opt out. Seventy-two per cent of the parents who voted *on the proposal at* St Ivo comprehensive school, in St Ives, decided to remain under county council control. Last November parents at Rutlish, Mr Major's old school in Merton, southwest London, also rejected an opt-out proposal.

The report by Mr Clive Smee, chief economic adviser, Department of Health, did not say, as stated on January 12, *that a ban on* tobacco advertising could cut consumption by 16 per cent; it looked at the conflicting evidence of bans in other countries and made no estimate for the UK.

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Oxbridge alarmed as weight of student life increases suicide toll

BY JAMES LANDALE AND MATTHEW D'ANCONA

■ Oxford and Cambridge admit the need for better pastoral care as another student fails to cope with the pressure

UNIVERSITY authorities are to boost counselling services amid fears that the academic, financial and emotional pressures on students are leading to an increasing number of tragic deaths.

Cambridge University was yesterday mourning a third-year Peterhouse student, whose body was found at Fenner's, the university cricket ground. The police, who are not treating the death as suspicious, said that Neil Andrew Walker, 21, a chemical engineering student, appeared to have fallen from a car park next to the grounds.

The tragedy came as Oxford University admitted that the frequency of student suicides in its colleges had become a "cause for concern".

Mr Walker's death has triggered alarm at the level of student mortality in Cambridge, only eight weeks after Sam Butterell, a second-year philosophy student at Queen's, was found dead in his college room. The university counselling service saw an average of 111 students a week last term and has requested additional funding to meet the increase in demand.

John Pulford, head of the Cambridge service, said that students needed a better introduction to university life. "The university, the school and the parents have to find a way of having an introduction period which ensures that people don't crack up when they come here."

Oxford is likely to expand its counselling service and student helpline after an official enquiry into suicide yesterday conceded that "the number of suicides was greater than would be expected on the basis of national rates for people in the 18 to 25 age group". Colleges should "consider ways of reducing academic pressures on students" and forewarning them of the pressures they would face.

Such candour is rare in the discreet Oxonian culture and reflects Oxford's anxiety about three recent student deaths and the national debate they have inspired. Pamela Wray, a 21-year old modern languages finalist, was found hanging at her home in Headington, Oxford, last Wednesday only a few days before she was due to resume her studies at St Hilda's College.

Her death bore an unsettling resemblance to the suicide of Tracey Cole, a first-year English student at Lady Margaret Hall, who was found dead in her college room last October. Police said that Miss Cole, who obtained the highest marks in last summer's sociology A-level, appeared to have been "overwhelmed by the volume of work she was going to face".

Henry Skelton, a New College student, died last month after falling from a second storey window, allegedly after consuming a lethal cocktail of LSD and champagne.

The report, commissioned by the university's committee on student health, said that between 1976 and 1990, 21 students — 16 men and five women — committed suicide. In the same period there were 254 non-fatal suicide attempts by 216 students. Half of those who died and a third of those who attempted suicide were known to suffer from psychiatric disorders. In the academic year 1990-1, there were two suicides but only one in the year 1991-2.

Dr Keith Hawton, the consultant psychiatrist who carried out the Oxford enquiry, said there was little information from other universities to allow comparisons. "In the general population there has been a very large increase in the number of suicides of young people," he said.

Elsa Bell, head of Oxford's counselling service, said that clever and socially adept students were just as likely to commit suicide as isolated ones. "There is no one kind of person who commits suicide. They feel the pressure on them to succeed is there from the moment they enter the university."

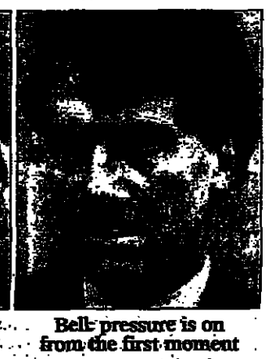
She said that numbers receiving counselling had increased from 396 in 1989 to 595 in 1992.

Nigel Huddleston, 22, welfare vice-president of the students' union, said there were three main concerns: academic, emotional and financial worries. "The eight-week term puts the pressure on. Most people have three to four tutorials a fortnight. It is very competitive".

Dr Ann Taylor, chairman of the university committee on student health, said that academic worries would always be a concern to students, but that the suicides were not exam-related. "People are not throwing themselves off bridges just because finals are coming up."



Hawton: report found high rate of suicide



Bell: pressure is on from the first moment

Murdered girl's family appeals for witnesses

BY BILL FROST

LOOKING haggard and pale, the mother of Claire Tiltman, the schoolgirl murdered as she walked the short distance to a friend's house, told yesterday how her last words to her daughter were to take care.

Struggling against her tears and clutching the hand of a woman detective, Lin Tiltman, 41, appealed for anyone with information on the crime to come forward "so that whoever did this can never, never do it again". Mrs Tiltman added: "This has destroyed my life, absolutely destroyed it."

Police yesterday released Peter Brookes, a 19-year-old butcher taken into custody on Wednesday. He was among the first at the scene of the murder and had given reporters a graphic description of Claire's wounds. A police spokesman said: "Detectives feel there is no need to hold him any longer."

Cliff Tiltman, Claire's father, told reporters that the couple's only child was never allowed to walk or travel alone late at night. "What sort of a society is it where a kid cannot leave home at 5.30pm and walk down the street?" he asked.

Claire, from Horns Cross, near Dartford, Kent, was on her way to see a friend last Monday evening when she was stabbed several times in an alley just yards from her destination. She managed to stagger to a main road where passers-by and an ambulance crew tried unsuccessfully to save her life.

Detectives described the murder as brutal and apparently motiveless. There was no evidence to suggest that Claire had been robbed or subjected to a sexual attack. "It seems she was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," one officer said.

Mr Tiltman, 43, said yesterday that he still could not believe what had happened to his daughter. "This is just like a bad dream. All I want is Claire back safe and sound — just to see her walk back through the door," he added.

Claire's father said he had been unable to go into her room since the murder. "I have asked policewomen to take a lot of her things away," he added.

Mr Tiltman described Claire as a "daddy's girl". He went on: "We were always together. She was just such a great kid. What sort of person could do this?"

Mrs Tiltman said that on the night of her death Claire had decided to see a schoolfriend to discuss the mock GCSE examinations they had taken that morning. Her daughter also wanted advice on making an application for a place at college.

She added: "She had been looking forward to a week off school after finishing her mock exams last Monday. I just feel such great anger."

Det Supt Owen Taylor, the officer leading the hunt, said he was anxious to trace the driver of a light-coloured small van or hatchback car seen parked close to the alley on the night Claire died. "It may be that the driver saw her and stopped to assist," he added.

Police said there had been an overwhelming response from the public to their appeal for witnesses. They plan to stage a reconstruction of Claire's final walk to her friend's house next Monday evening.

SIMON WALKER



Lin Tiltman yesterday, supported by her husband and a policewoman

Tax ruling will prompt avalanche of claims

BY LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

HUNDREDS of thousands of employees are in line for tax rebates because they were charged too much tax on the perks of their job. The Inland Revenue yesterday published details of how claims for overpaid tax can be made, dating back over six years.

The Revenue estimates that it will have to repay up to £30 million because of a House of Lords ruling in November on a case involving ten teachers at Malvern College. The Revenue had wanted to charge them tax on the full cost of the cheap education their children received at the public school. The Lords ruled that they should pay only on the additional costs incurred by the school in providing the places, such as laundry and food.

British Rail has more than 100,000 employees who have been taxed too heavily. London Transport has 40,000 and the Revenue estimates several thousand teachers have paid too much. The Revenue is in talks with the airline industry to establish whether employees have overpaid. Many other employees will have to find out from employers on which basis their perks have been taxed.

BR and London Transport employees and former employees should be contacted automatically about rebate arrangements. BR employees have privilege tickets entitling them to a 75 per cent discount on all rail journeys. They also receive between 14 and 20 days' of free travel and a free season ticket to work for up to 40 miles in the London area and eight miles elsewhere.

An employee in the London area who has held a 40-mile free ticket for three years should get a refund of £322 and one with an eight-mile ticket elsewhere for six years should get £160.

Solicitors who have legal services, such as conveyancing, provided by their firms will pay no tax on the benefit so long as extra staff have not being taken on to do the work and any outside costs are paid by the employee.

The decision does not affect the tax paid on company cars, cheap loans or living accommodation.

Troops in Bosnia face threat to jobs

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

OFFICERS serving in Bosnia with the United Nations humanitarian operation may be among hundreds to receive redundancy notices next month.

More than 1,300 officers, from captains to brigadiers, are required to leave the army in the second phase of the government's *Options for Change* programme of defence cuts.

With only about half that number volunteering to leave, the Ministry of Defence is being forced to issue compulsory redundancy notices. These are due to go out on February 25, giving 12 months' notice. Defence sources said it was possible that some of the 623 officers who will have to go may now be in Bosnia.

The target of 5,150 other ranks to leave in the next round of cuts has been reached without compulsory notices. Some of the volunteers are serving with the Cheshire Regiment in Bosnia.

The 2,400 troops who arrived in Bosnia in November are on a six-month tour of duty. The units deployed include the Cheshire Regiment, the 9th/12th Lancers, and elements of the Royal Irish Regiment and the Welch Fusiliers.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, confirmed yesterday that the Cheshires would be replaced by another regiment after six months. The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, based in Germany, is the next in line.

Mr Rifkind said the UN had been told that British forces would participate in the Bosnian operation for a year. "We've given no assurance to the UN beyond the 12-month period," he said.

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Sex attacker jailed for killing nurse

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DENTAL nurse who planned to start a family after nursing her husband through cancer was strangled by a neighbour during a brutal sex attack, a jury decided yesterday.

Tom Mitchell, 31, was jailed for life by Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court for the murder of Carol Timm, 29, last March. Mitchell, a van driver, was wearing his wife's underwear under his clothes when he knocked on the door of the victim's home in Washington, Tyne and Wear, on the pretext of borrowing a can opener.

When her back was turned he clubbed her unconscious with a chisel, dragged her upstairs and finally strangled her when she recovered consciousness and attempted to fend him off.

The jury found him guilty of murder instead of his plea of manslaughter due to diminished responsibility.

Mitchell said pressure of work and marriage made him decide to have sex with Mrs Timm then kill himself. Afterwards Mrs Timm's husband, Paul, said he was happy with the outcome. Mitchell's ex-wife Maureen, 27, who divorced him while he awaited trial, declined to comment.

Mr Timm, 31, a welder, cherished dreams of becoming a father after his wife helped him to win his battle against stomach cancer.

It was shortly after the couple met at a works party when they were teenagers that Mr Timm discovered he had cancer. For the next three years he underwent intensive hospital treatment, his wife spending every spare moment at his side.

Shortly before they married eight years ago the couple told their local newspaper of how love had triumphed over the shadow of his illness. Mr Timm said: "If it wasn't for Carol I might never have made it. She was working from 7.30 in the morning till 6.00 at night and coming to see me in hospital. She came every day."



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20m armchair detectives fail to crack Morse's musical code

BY KATE ALDERSON

ARMCHAIR detectives failed yesterday to solve the mystery of Inspector Morse's first name. Barrington Pheloung, the composer of the television score who claims to have incorporated clues to the name in the music, delighted in denying the importance of the name Ernest.

"I appear to have outsleuthed everyone," he said. "I can't tell you the name, but I can tell you it's not Ernest and doesn't begin with an E. I am not meant to know the name, but I do. Only the author Colin Dexter and the actor John Thaw are meant to know, but when you've worked as closely with the series as I have, you know."

In last night's music score, the name Ernest was spelt out in morse code, but a spokesman from Central Television, the producers of *Inspector Morse*, also rejected the name, obviously after a secret consultation with Thaw or Dexter. "We're amazed by all the interest," he said. "But the mystery still goes on. A national newspaper employed the Royal College of Signalling to decode the clues — but I can tell you they have failed."

Inspector Morse is believed to have attracted its highest ever audience for the final programme last night, of 20 million viewers. Half a million kettles were switched on after the programme, creating a power surge of 1,000 megawatts. *Coronation Street* or *EastEnders*, which have audiences of up to 18 million, sometimes cause a 600 megawatt surge.

Mr Pheloung, 38, a professional composer since his second year at the Royal College of Music, said there were plenty of hints in the score. "I can definitely tell you the name is hidden in the music — it really is there. But it's like looking for a needle in a haystack. It's written across different instruments and will be really difficult to work out."

He said that he had enjoyed writing the music for *Morse*: "This whole mystery is great fun; I'm really enjoying it. I love mysteries myself and am a regular *Times* crossword solver.

"The idea with *Morse* was to take the audience seriously, and it's worked. The third volume of the music is currently at number 35 in the charts, and the first two albums went gold. I love the idea of breaking down the barriers between popular and classical music."

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Major admits that the victims of Bloody Sunday were innocent



Hume: letter seen as significant step

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE government faces renewed pressure to prosecute the soldiers involved in the killing of 13 people on Bloody Sunday in Londonderry 21 years ago after the admission by John Major that the people who died were innocent.

In a letter to John Hume, the leader of the nationalist SDLP, Mr Major said that while it was not right for him to judge the events retrospectively, people killed on January 30, 1972, should be regarded as having been "innocent of any allegation that they were shot whilst handling firearms or explosives". Mr Major said he hoped the families of the dead would accept this assurance and added: "I am well aware of the depth of feeling that remains in Londonderry about 'Bloody Sunday'. As with every tragedy, the scars are long-lasting. All are determined that the lessons of that day are not forgotten."

The letter is seen by representatives of families of the people killed by paratroopers, and by local politicians, as a significant step. They said that for the first time a prime minister had used the word "innocent" rather than "not guilty" when referring to the victims. However, the implication that some of them may have been innocent of handling firearms or explosives only at the time that they were actually shot, as implied in Lord Widgery's report on the incident, remains unchallenged by the letter, they said.

Mark Durkan, chairman of the SDLP, said: "Regrettably for the families, one couldn't say that in the context in which the word is used, it is wholly unambiguous or wholly satisfactory. But certainly the families do regard the prime minister's use of the word as indicating some progress in their efforts to totally vindicate their loved ones." Mr Durkan said he regarded the use of the phrase "Bloody Sunday" by Mr Major three times in the course of a two-paragraph letter (as opposed to the previously favoured "events in Londonderry") as another significant symbolic step forward, implying the government is beginning to accept the interpretation by the victims' families of what happened. There was also no reference to Lord Widgery's findings to bolster the government's case, he said.

Mr Major's letter, written on December 29 but published yesterday, follows his refusal in March last year to review the findings of Lord Widgery, which were published in April 1972. Among people calling for a review was Peter Bottomley, the Conservative MP for Eltham and a former Northern Ireland Office minister.

Mr Bottomley welcomed the letter and said it advanced the day when it would be said officially that the people who died had no connection with violence. "It was wrong for those people to have been shot," he said.

"The tribunal came to a wrong analysis. It is right for the prime minister to talk of them as being innocent. It would be best if the Northern Ireland secretary, the home secretary or the prime minister set up an enquiry or some other method of undoing the mistakes of the Widgery tribunal. Justice is going to be one of the foundations of peace in Ireland."

The families of the victims want the government officially to repudiate the findings of the Widgery report, which generally accepted the soldiers' version of events, including claims that they only aimed shots at identified gunmen and nail-bombers. They would like the government to admit that what happened was murder and to start appropriate legal action.

Cancer check surgery 'is a needless risk to women'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most common surgical operations performed on women in Britain is being used inappropriately and is putting patients at unnecessary risk, according to researchers in Oxford University's department of public health.

The operation, called dilatation and curettage, involves scraping the lining of the womb to check for signs of cancer. It is six times more common in Britain than in America, while many other surgical procedures, such as hysterectomy, are performed relatively more frequently in America.

The operation, which often involves a general anaesthetic and a two-day stay in hospital, is performed on women suffering from menstrual problems and was once thought to help restore regular periods. It is now used to check whether they have cancer of the lining of the womb, but a high proportion of patients are women aged under 40, in whom cancer is rare. There is a small risk during surgery of damage to the cervix or perforation of the womb.

Last year, nearly 7,000 women in the Oxford region underwent the operation, 39 per cent of them aged under 40, at a cost of about £2 million.

The researchers say in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal* that millions of pounds could be saved "at no harm and possibly with considerable benefit to patients" by reducing the number of young women offered the operation and by treating most of the rest as out-patients.

The popularity of the operation fell sharply in America during the 1980s as American gynaecologists switched to newer techniques of sampling tissue from the lining of the womb in an operation that can be performed on out-patients. But a similar change has not occurred in Britain. The difference between the two countries is "a sure sign that something is amiss", the publication says in an editorial comment.

The researchers report divisions among gynaecologists in Britain over who should have the operation. Some disagree on the desirability of using out-patient procedures and others have not kept up with research. Many are ignoring evidence that the operation is not an appropriate one for younger women, they say.

☐ Low blood pressure may be good for the heart, but a study of more than 700 Swedish men aged 50, published in the *British Medical Journal*, found that those with low blood pressure suffered from a lack of self-confidence and a reduced sense of well-being.

In Britain, only high blood pressure is recognised as a disease but there is now evidence that a low blood pressure syndrome is linked with tiredness, dizziness and feeling faint.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Team spirit: Niki, a 15-month-old husky, gives an energetic greeting to Penny Evans as they prepare for a race meeting at Aviemore tomorrow. Niki, who was bred by Mrs Evans, is one of her husband John's sled dog team. More than 140 handlers are taking part

Police chiefs launch drive against sex harassment

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SEXUAL harassment of female police officers by their male colleagues is much more widespread than was thought and must be stamped out, Britain's chief constables said yesterday.

They launched a new campaign to halt sexual harassment of female officers, warning that any mistreatment would lead to tougher penalties. The warning, from the Association of Chief Police Officers, was prompted by research in seven forces across the country, which showed that sexual harassment ranging from physical abuse to bad language and sexual innuendo was endured by many female officers.

Bill Skitt, chief constable of Hertfordshire and chairman of a police equal opportunities committee, said: "It is a much more common problem than was previously considered to be the case." Work within the police service and recent publicity had, however, brought some improvement.

Internal research by the Hampshire force last year first led police constables to realise the possible scale of harassment and agree to a wider survey among scores of policewoman in six other forces. John Hoddinott, chief constable of Hampshire and vice-president of the association, said after its quarterly meeting yesterday that the research had shown evidence of sexual assault and physical misbehaviour as well as other harassment. Schemes to prevent such behaviour had since ready won recognition from the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Victims had to be encouraged to come forward. Police discipline codes and informal counselling schemes were available to deal with a range of offences.

John Burrow, chief constable of Essex and president of the association, said police-women represented only 12 per cent of the service of more than 120,000 officers. A very clear statement was needed from the top to support female officers who were vulnerable.

The meeting also discussed the continuing problems of providing officers with adequate protection against attack. Forces are to test a 21in baton that is now being used by Dorset police and experiment with an American telescopic truncheon that extends from 7in to 21in by a flick of the wrist.

Mr Burrow said chief constables had also agreed on the foundation of a national missing persons' bureau, expanding Scotland Yard's efforts.

Ham House halfway to restored glory

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE £2 million restoration of Ham House, probably the most complete and authentic 17th century domestic building in Britain, has reached its halfway stage and is due to reopen to the public in April next year.

The house and gardens, which stand on the south bank of the Thames between Richmond and Hampton Court, were given to the National Trust by the late Sir Lyonel Tollemache in 1948, but without an endowment. For the next 40 years the property was leased to the government and managed by the Victoria and Albert Museum, which owns the contents.

In 1989, the environment department surrendered the lease on both Ham House and Osterley Park in west London, and made a grant of £14.3 million to the trust to take over their management.

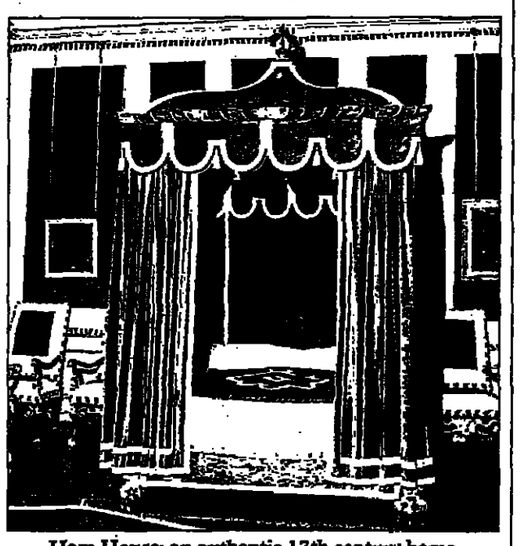
Ham House was built in 1610 by Sir Thomas Vavasour, knight marshal to James I. It was extended and lavishly decorated and furnished in the 1670s by the Duke and Duchess of Lauderdale, who left no heir, whereupon it passed to the family of the duchess's first husband, the Tollemaches, Earls of Dysart.

The present restoration programme includes installation of new heating, plumbing, drainage and electricity, fire detection and security, and a system for maintaining temperature and humidity. The great hall, round gallery and great staircase are being redecorated, using detailed paint analyses to recreate their earlier appearance as authentically as possible.

Paintings, textiles and other furnishings have been conserved in collaboration with the V & A and the Courtauld Institute.

The library, which was stripped of its contents in the 1930s, will house a collection of 17th and 18th century books recently given to the trust. Other rooms may be redecorated in due course, as funds permit, to reflect their original appearance.

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Ham House: an authentic 17th century home

Female clergy tougher

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN clergy in the Church of England often display more masculine qualities than clergymen, according to research published today. In personality tests on more than 100 clergy, the women emerged as more tough-minded and outgoing than their male counterparts.

The author, the Rev Leslie Francis, says that church leaders cannot afford to ignore this "gender reversal". "Some parishes may be wiser to leave the sick visiting to the male clergy and delegate the hard-headed business negotiations to the female clergy," he says.

While the clergy has has always been a male domain, clergymen may not be typical men, the report argues.

In today's *Church of England Newspaper*, Dr Francis says strong minded women need to be correctly deployed. "There are already a lot of women leaving the parochial ministry because they are in positions subordinate to men, who are unable to handle these tough minded characteristics," he says.

Dr Francis, professor of pastoral theology at Trinity College, Carmarthen and St David's University College, Lampeter, compiled his report from Eysenck personality tests completed by 112 clergy attending two residential schools. The test scores neuroticism against emotional stability.

Dr Francis's research, published in the *Journal of Empirical Theology*, found men and women clergy did not display the gender differences found in the general population.

Motorists face harsh rural curbs

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HARSH measures could be introduced to limit the use of cars in the countryside unless urgent action is taken to manage traffic in environmentally sensitive areas.

With 1.6 billion trips to the countryside being made annually, planners must ensure greater access while ensuring the number of visitors do not overwhelm and destroy the areas concerned, the RAC says in a report published today.

The report urges the Countryside Commission and other bodies to encourage a wider geographical spread of rural activities and more off-peak attractions. Cars could be excluded from the most sensitive areas by providing high quality parking nearby.

The report, *Cars in the Countryside*, calls for more bypasses, trunk roads and motorways to relieve pressure on rural roads and better signs to attractions.

David Worskett, RAC director of public affairs, said: "Unless steps are taken it will lead to draconian measures to curb the car, which will restrict access and enjoyment and ruin the rural economy."

Minister promises to take note of campaign against Bart's closure

BY KATE ALDERSON

DR BRIAN Mawhinney, the health minister, yesterday met executives from St Bartholomew's Hospital amid growing speculation that the government is preparing to climb down over the Tomlinson report.

His meeting coincided with the opening of the hospital's £15 million operating theatre complex by the Duke of Gloucester. Dr Mawhinney insisted that no decision had been taken on the future of London's threatened hospitals.

Dr Mawhinney was clearly shocked by the 200-strong crowd of demonstrating patients and staff who greeted his arrival. After a two-hour meeting he emerged to brush aside suggestions that his visit had been prompted by speculation that hospitals earmarked for closure may be reprieved.

Commenting on the high-profile campaign against closure, which has attracted the public support of Tory backbenchers, he said: "Any sensible minister notes who is taking part in that campaign — and who is not taking part.

"We have been discussing the proposals St Bart's gave me the last time I was here," he said. "I wanted to take the proposals with the seriousness they deserve." He described the meeting, headed by Professor Michael Besser, chief executive of the hospital, as "useful, productive and helpful".

He said he would reflect the views of the hospital to Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, as "faithfully" as he could.

Professor Besser said after the meeting that he was "totally confident" the hospital would remain open "because of the high quality of its service". "It would be an act of obscene vandalism to interfere with that level of care. The Tomlinson enquiry was not given accurate information over a large number of areas and the conclusions it reached are flawed."

He said: "It appears from press reports that someone has said something to someone about closure proposals — and at a very high level."

The death row mongrels whose only crime was to be ugly

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A COURT will today decide the fate of Ozzy, a terrier of indeterminate breed who has been incarcerated under the provisions of the Dangerous Dogs Act. If Southwark Crown Court decides it is "a dog of the type known as the pit bull terrier", only one sentence is possible: death. If the court deems it to be a Staffordshire bull terrier, it will be freed to return to normal life with its owner in Neasden, north London.

Ozzy's court hearing, which has cost the taxpayer £20,000, is one of hundreds pending under the act, a piece of legislation passed by Parliament in haste and now repented at leisure by vets, dog experts and the courts. At least 500 dogs are in the same position as Ozzy. Seized by the police as possible pit bulls, they have spent months in kennels waiting for their cases to be resolved. April Jones, a London vet, says she knows of one dog "whose only crime is to be ugly" which has spent 18 months in kennels at a cost of £60,000. "It's obscene," she says. "It is costing us a fortune to prosecute mongrels."

Other dog experts agree that the act, passed after many people were savaged by dogs, has gone badly wrong. The Home Office ignored advice that it was impossible to identify pit bulls with absolute certainty, a problem that had already wrecked similar legislation in New York. Now the courts are hearing appeals that pitch one expert against another, with no certainty of justice.

James Beaufoy, a championship show judge of Staffordshire terriers, says the difficulty arises with dogs which lie on the fringes of the two breeds. He has no difficulty distinguishing pure-bred dogs, but says problems arise with "poor dogs who don't fit the Kennel Club standard for Staffordshire terriers." Last week, the British Veterinary Association called for reform of the act. It wants the mandatory death sentence to be removed, a second chance for owners to register their dogs, bail for dogs seized by the police and the setting up of expert panels to assess the identity of dogs.

Andrew Bowden, Conservative MP for Brighton Kemptown, is to forward the suggestions to the Home Office. Action against dangerous dogs was necessary, he says, but the act was rushed through: "The implications simply weren't thought out." Under the act, owners had until March 1, 1992 to register their dogs, at the price of having them neutered, tattooed and fitted with a microchip under the skin to identify them.

Any unregistered pit bull faces a mandatory death penalty if discovered. About half of Britain's 10,000 pit bulls are believed to have been registered; the rest, says April Jones, have gone underground. "The real pit bulls are being kept indoors," she says. "Their owners only walk them at night. Most of the dogs being picked up are mongrels."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Politeness solves bank raid riddle

A robber confessed to 20 bank raids after being spoken to politely by a policeman, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Anthony Wilson made no comment during interviews, but as he was being fingerprinted by a chatty policeman, he said: "Why didn't you talk to me like this before? If you had, we could have sorted it out. I have been brought up to treat people with respect and be polite."

Wilson, 33, of no fixed address, admitted four armed robberies and asked for 16 others to be taken into consideration. He was jailed for a total of nine years.

During his raids on banks in east London, Essex and Kent, which netted a total of £85,000, Wilson had thanked other customers for their co-operation. He told police that his guns were not loaded so nobody would be hurt. Police admitted that without his confessions three quarters of the robberies would have gone unsolved.

Detectives win damages

Two Special Branch detectives won undisclosed libel damages yesterday over allegations in a book that they were removed from the Lockerbie bombing enquiry team for being "idle and arrogant".

The accusations against Det Chief Insp Richard Allen and Det Insp John Hague were made in *On the Trail of Terror: The Inside Story of the Lockerbie Investigation*. Jonathan Cape, the publisher, and David Leppard, the author, agreed to withdraw the book.

Knifed woman loses baby

A woman seven months pregnant who was stabbed in the stomach by a mugger as she tried to stop him stealing her bag has lost her baby. The woman, 27, was attacked in the Chapeltown area of Leeds late on Tuesday night, and is seriously ill in hospital.

Her attacker was about 5ft 4in tall and was wearing a baseball cap and a long, dark padded jacket with blue jeans.

Dirty washing

Procter & Gamble, the maker of Ariel Ultra washing powder, has been censured over a television advertisement that implied the product would "always" remove fat stains from garments washed at 40C. The Independent Television Commission received complaints from three viewers.

OBE stolen

Burglars have stolen the OBE insignia and other trophies of Richard Noble, who set the world land-speed record of 633mph in 1983, from his home in Richmond, south-west London.

Fumes death

The body of a man who was once one of Britain's youngest mayors has been found in a fume-filled car. Kevin Bishop, 43, was 29 when he was elected as the independent mayor of Christchurch, Dorset.

Fast delivery

A baby girl was delivered by an ambulance crew on the M27 yesterday after Claire Lancashire, of Porchester, Hampshire, went into advanced labour.

Wrong pitch

The Post Office has apologised for putting three franks advertising an undertaker on the envelope of a get well card sent to Doris St Pier, 71, of Rush Green, Essex, who is seriously ill.

Race hot-line

Lewisham council in south London has set up a 24-hour support team with 25 volunteers to attend incidents of racial harassment.

Hepburn inspired a legion of would-be lookalikes and her image is as desirable today as ever

Followers of fashion pay homage to eternal icon

BY IAIN R WEBB, FASHION EDITOR

AUDREY Hepburn was much more than a great actress; she was an icon. Over the years, she has been an inspiration for women worldwide. Her on-screen roles have given us a plethora of images that will continue to shine in the fashion firmament despite her death in Switzerland on Wednesday at the age of 63.

One film after another offered looks that would become almost sacred for the fashion world and which still provide inspiration for designers and photographers, who repeatedly re-create the Hepburn look on catwalks and the pages of glossy fashion journals.

The little black dress owes much of its permanence as a fashion icon to the film *Breakfast At Tiffany's*, in which Hepburn played Holly Golightly wearing a black dress, diamonds and pearls. It is now shorthand for all things glamorous.

Hepburn was an enigma. The way she was dressed for her film roles set trends, but it was her unique demeanour that attracted so much interest. Off-screen she wore little make-up, just a smudge of black greasepaint above and below her eyes. On the screen in the 1950s, she was the antithesis of the sex kitten. The director Billy Wilder said of her: "She may make bosoms a thing of the past." Certainly, her pin-thin polish secured her a place in the hearts of fashion's image-makers.

Large Bambi eyes, sculpted cheekbones and an innocently girlish smile ensured her stardom. After her roles in *Roman Holiday* and *Sabrina Fair*, *Vogue* magazine called her "today's wonder girl". Cecil Beaton, who designed the flamboyant gowns for *My Fair Lady*, said: "She is like a portrait by Modigliani, where the various distortions are not only interesting in themselves, but make a completely satisfying composite." Later he was to write in *Vogue*: "Nobody ever looked like her before World War II ... now thousands of imitations have appeared. The woods are full of emaciated young ladies with rat-nibbled hair and moon-pale faces."

It was her deliciously different appearance that made Hepburn so striking an influence in fashion. Her graceful manner permeated every role and polarised each character as a template for not only women of the time, but for later generations who are still entranced by the Hepburn look.



Last year: back from Somalia

In 1954, while filming *Sabrina Fair*, she enlisted a rising Parisian couturier to design her wardrobe. Givenchy continued to create clothes for her, on and off screen, throughout her life and they remained great friends.

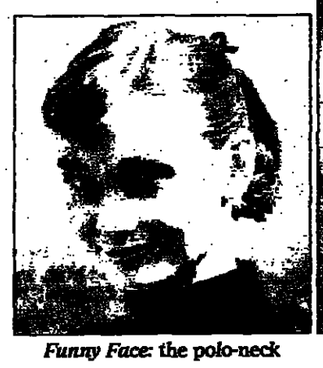
In *Roman Holiday*, her role as an incognito princess opposite Gregory Peck demanded she cut her neat, conventional hairstyle into the "rat-nibbled" style Beaton described. This became known as the gamine look. It was copied fanatically and has made a comeback this year. Supermodels such as Linda Evangelista, Lucie de La Falaise, Kristen McMenamy and Patricia Hartman now appear in glossy spreads as Hepburn reborn — the innocent in tight little pants and polo-neck sweater. This is where the Hepburn classics merge and reappear as a hybrid: the little black dress, the giant oval sunglasses and ballet pumps.

Above all, the polo-neck sweater epitomises Hepburn. She donned it for her role in *Funny Face*, the story of a beatnik bookworm who is transformed into the world's most glamorous mannequin by Fred Astaire as a maverick fashion photographer. The sweater remained a constant with Hepburn until she died.

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My Fair Lady: Beaton's beauty



Funny Face: the polo-neck



Effortless glamour: Hepburn's was the look that launched a thousand diets

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Dutchman levels score with Short

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short lost the seventh game of his world championship eliminator against the Dutchman Jan Timman in Madrid on Wednesday night, and with it the lead in their 14-game match.

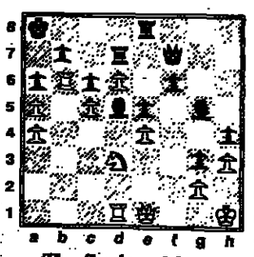
The British grandmaster seemed unfamiliar with the opening and was soon in intense difficulty. On the twenty-sixth move, his queen was trapped and he had no choice but to sacrifice the piece for a bishop.

Short chose to continue his hopeless resistance for a further six moves before capitulating on move 32, allowing Timman, playing white, to level the scores at 3½ points each.

The match winner will receive $200,000 (£130,000) and earn the right to challenge Gary Kasparov for the world title later this year.

Game 7

White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	e5	18 Nc4	Rd7
2 Nf3	Nc6	19 Na5	c6
3 Bb5	a6	20 Nd3	Nf5
4 Bxc6	dxc6	21 a3	Kb8
5 0-0	Qd6	22 Nb2	Qb5
6 Na3	Be6	23 Qe1	Nxe3
7 Qe2	f6	24 fxe3	Bh6
8 Rd1	g5	25 Kh1	h4
9 d4	g4	26 e4	Qxe5
10 Ne1	0-0-0	27 fxe5	g3
11 Be3	b5	28 h3	Bg5
12 d5	cxd5	29 Nd3	Kb8
13 exd5	Bf7	30 Rxb1	Rxe8
14 c4	Qd7	31 Rb6	Bd5
15 d6	Qc6	32 e4	
16 c5	Nb6		Black resigns
17 b4	Qa4		



The final position

Computers join chess challenge

BY TIM JONES

TOP companies are believed to be using powerful computers to give their teams an advantage when they tackle Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion, in a charity chess challenge sponsored by *The Times* and Simpson's-in-the-Strand next month.

The computers programs are trying to detect flaws in the play of the highest-rated chess player the world has seen. The Kasparov Charity Chess Challenge, which aims to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust, will take place at the London restaurant on February 17.

Kasparov's busy schedule does not allow him to do as much as he would like for charity, although he does try to make an exception when the money is for children. He is looking forward to the tournament and said: "I hope the evening will be fun for all who take part."

It may be fun, but it will also be serious, for only rarely does the committed amateur have the opportunity of clashing over the board with the man who smashed Bobby Fischer's rating, once considered unassailable.

John Chester, one of the players who will be representing S.G. Warburg, the merchant bankers, said his team was still deciding which strategy to use. Mr Chester, an investment analyst, said: "Perhaps I will try to throw him by making unorthodox moves although that could lead to huge risks. I will have to think hard about it."

Places are still available and entry fees are £1,000 for a team of four and £100 for an individual to play a celebrity. Spectators will be charged £25. Full details can be obtained from Hilary Gilmore of The Sick Children's Trust (Tel: 071 404 3329)

The way it isn't

BRUCE BROWN



IN THIS exclusive interview, Simon Suit from Porridge TV asks President Saddam Hussein some hard-hitting questions:

"Nice to have you with us, Saddam. Great tie, isn't it, Felicity? Beautiful. Absolutely beautiful. What would you call that colour, Saddam? A sort of bluey-green? Oh, turquoise, of course it is! Great!

"So, Saddam, before we get down to the nitty-gritty — and believe me there's no one more nitty than Felicity, sorry Felicity!! — there's one thing I've always really wanted to ask you. With all that beautiful sun and sea and sand and hot, hot sun in Iraq, how do you possibly find time to run the country?! Seriously though, do you do much surfing?

"You don't? Pity that, because if you had said you did do a lot of surfing, I was going to ask you what it was like. Pretty amazing, I should think, just so long as you don't mind getting the old hair wet!

"Anyway, to more serious matters: during your time as President of Iraq you must have seen a lot of changes.

"For instance, breakfast telly, bless my soul! What's the breakfast telly like in Iraq? You don't have it! You're kidding!

"Seriously, Saddam, you've come into contact with a great many important people in your time. Tell me, where do you stand in the great debate? Who's really to blame? Charles or Di? Or is it six of one and half a thingy of the other?

"Sorry, Saddam, I've got to stop you there! It's time to build the Toast Office Tower, I kid you not! Anyway, keep up the good work — and best of luck with the war! Byeee!"

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Labour needs an inspirational lesson from Clinton to beat pragmatic Major

The juxtaposition was coincidental but telling. The five-minute Conservative party political broadcast by John Major appeared just before the main television news bulletins on Wednesday evening, which were dominated by the inaugural address from Bill Clinton, the new American president.

The contrast in styles could not have been greater. The theme of the party broadcast was "reporting back", and Mr Major was at his most down to earth.

There were no metaphors, no vivid images. It was Mr Major as the nation's bank manager telling us all in straightforward terms what the government was doing across the domestic agenda.

Mr Clinton's address in Washington was all about vision, consciously referring back to the inaugural speeches of Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy. It was about national renewal, sacrifice and change. The new president's language was grandiloquent: "From this joyful mountain of celebration, we hear a call to service in the valley. We have heard the trumpets. We have changed the guard." There were no hints about future policies. The two statements had, of course, widely differing purposes and contexts. The American president is still at the euphoric start of his presidency, while the British prime minister is battling to regain the initiative after severe setbacks early in his term.

The two men have contrasting styles of leadership. Mr Clinton seeks to inspire, while Mr Major is more a manager.

Both approaches have their attendant risks. Mr Clinton raised expectations during his campaign which remain high among the American public, if not the press. The danger for him is of disappointment, and consequent disillusionment, as occurred under Jimmy Carter in the late 1970s.

Mr Major has never raised as many hopes. He is not a crusader like his predecessor. He will never lead long marches — and therefore will not risk failing to reach his objective. This prime minister has never offered grand dreams, only incremental steps. He has always asked to be judged on the basis of specific actions. In that sense the citizen's charter epitomises Majorism.

That approach has virtues. What Mr Major discussed in his party political broadcast — a strategy for growth and jobs, standards in schools and training, better public services and tackling crime — is what concerns ordinary people. Dismissing these worries as mundane is the patronising view of those who do not regularly use public services. If the government gets even halfway to dealing with problems in these areas, it will have a strong re-election platform.

Mr Major is, however, setting himself a demanding political test by asking to be judged by these performance targets. He stands or falls by his competence. He cannot walk away from policy failures.

That makes Mr Major vulnerable in a more specific sense to poor economic statistics and to rows like that over pit closures. This was shown yesterday in the House of Commons when he was roughed up over unemployment by John Smith.

Since Parliament returned ten days ago, the Labour leader has been more aggressive at prime minister's questions and has targeted ministers personally. Mr Major's prosaic style exposes him to derision, as yesterday when his reference to holding a seminar soon on deregulation was ridiculed by Labour MPs.

Mr Major's approach, typified by Wednesday's broadcast, is part of a less dramatic style of politics since the departure of Baroness Thatcher. It is a form of Tory Fabianism.

But that means Mr Smith and Labour have to do more than compete as better managers. They need to change the terms of the political debate. They have to convince the public, as Mr Clinton said in his inaugural address, of the need for dramatic change from time to time. They have to inspire.

PETER RIDDELL

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Commons committee adds to pit closure furore

MPs deliver savage blow to cabinet's credibility over coal

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

The cabinet, already split over the collieries row, has been dealt a new blow by MPs on the employment committee

THE government's desperate efforts to rescue its credibility over the future of the mining industry suffered a damaging blow yesterday when a Commons committee criticised its mishandling of the pit closure programme.

The report from the employment committee attacking the rushed and secretive discussions that led up to the announced shutdown of 31 pits came as a fierce cabinet battle over Michael Heseltine's plan to save half the pits showed no sign of abating.

The committee called for a halt to the whole closure scheme pending a review of the impact on jobs and accused British Coal of "monstrous mistakes" in the months leading up to last autumn's announcement.

In a new twist yesterday, Neil Clarke, the British Coal chairman, rejected the charge and blamed pressure from the Treasury which he said had forced the company to abandon its normal consultation procedures.

Supporters of Mr Heseltine have launched a counter-attack against suggestions that he failed to keep his cabinet colleagues fully informed. Last night they pointed to ministerial meetings held last year, at which the closure programme was discussed.

There will be further pressure on the government next week when the Commons trade and industry committee presents its report attacking the original shutdown programme. Mr Heseltine's decision to defend himself was the latest development in a cabinet wrangle in which his plan to save half the 31 pits faced with closure has met with increasing resistance inside the government.

As *The Times* disclosed yesterday, Mr Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, has encountered opposition from Michael Howard, the environment secretary, Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, Norman Lamont and others about his proposal to inject subsidies worth some £700 million into the coal industry.

Some of Mr Heseltine's supporters believe that a personal campaign is being waged against him. Mr Howard has challenged any idea of open-ended subsidies that might suggest the government had returned to interventionist policies of the 1960s. It was learnt yesterday Mr Lamont is still battling against the suggestion that all the £700 million should be met from Treasury funds. It is now thought that about £250 million to £350 million will be transferred from the £1.2 billion nuclear levy. It is argued that the existing levy is overgenerous for the decommissioning costs of nuclear power stations, and up to a third of the subsidy could be transferred without any significant impact on the industry. However, additional money would have to be found, either directly from the Treasury or from the consumer through higher electricity bills.

The Treasury is pressing for an increase in electricity bills to fund the extra costs of the subsidy. Tory backbenchers are unlikely to support higher bills. Several members of the 1922 executive committee have privately said they would support a subsidy to keep about half the pits open, provided it was not funded by the domestic consumer.

Next week the Conservative Coal Group lead by Winston Churchill, Elizabeth Peacock and Michael Clark, which was set up six weeks ago, will meet to discuss their tactics and decide how far the government would need to compromise to carry the more vociferous opponents of the original pit closure programme. The group now has about 30 members.

It is believed that many members of the group would be happy if about half the pits were saved, and they would support a subsidy. They too would be opposed to an extra supplement on electricity bills.

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Coal face: Neil Clarke, the British Coal chairman, after visiting Whitemoor colliery yesterday

'Monstrous mistakes' attacked in report

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Coal made "monstrous mistakes" in deciding to close 31 pits, and nothing of the sort should ever happen again, Greville Janner, chairman of the all-party Commons employment committee, said yesterday.

Unveiling a unanimous, and extraordinarily critical, report from his Tory-dominated committee, the Labour chairman savaged Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and Neil Clarke, the chairman of British Coal. He said they must share the blame for a series of unacceptable decisions.

The report largely exonerated Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, finding that she had been left in the dark by those involved. But the central finding, that no closures should now be carried through without a further, and far more wide-ranging government review, places a formidable barrier before Mr Heseltine as he seeks a way out of the impasse.

Mr Heseltine has already promised to pay close heed to the report from the employment committee and a parallel, and wider, enquiry carried out by the cross-party trade and industry committee, which is scheduled to report next week.

Introducing its conclusions, the employment committee report said: "If there is one dominant theme running through the evidence which we received it is that there was insufficient thought given to or account taken of the major employment consequences of the decision to close these pits." The High Court had shown that the plan to shut 31 collieries, announced on October 13, was illegal, the committee said. It was also "unacceptable that any employer, especially a major public corporation, should have acted in this way".

The committee demanded that "no pit should be closed unless and until there has been full consultation and complete consideration of all the factors set out throughout this report and until every possible effort is made to safeguard not only the miners concerned but other affected workers and their employers". Miners and their communities had been given no proper warning of the redundancies, and the time available for individuals to adjust, and new employment to be created, was insufficient, the report found.



Fly British: John Major shows Howard Davies and other business leaders the way to Indian markets

Major puts his weight behind export drive

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Major is to try to boost Britain's export trade by taking a group of the country's most senior industrialists with him to India at the weekend.

Accompanying the prime minister when he flies to Delhi tomorrow will be Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, and directors of many of Britain's leading companies who want to explore the growing opportunities there.

Exports to India reached some £803 million in the ten months from January to October, with imports, mainly clothes, fabrics and footwear, of about £705 million. Businessmen believe there is a big untapped potential for supplying petrochemical equipment, oil and gas machinery, scientific instruments, food processing, textile and mining equipment, and electronic and automotive components.

It is unusual for a prime minister to take businessmen on an overseas trip. Mr Major, who is to be the chief guest the Indian Republic Day celebrations next Tuesday, will back the efforts of the British firms and do all he can to help speed the decision-making process. There will be joint meetings with Indian ministers and business leaders. The industrialists will go off to meet their own business contacts in India before reporting back to Mr Major at the end of the trip.

Among those going with Mr Major will be the chairmen and chief executives of British Gas, British Aerospace, ANZ Grindlays Bank, and Rolls Royce, as well as officials from the DTI and the Export Credit Guarantees Department.

British Gas is involved in several schemes in Bombay and Calcutta.

Mr Davies said last night: "This trip will provide senior executives of some of Britain's biggest companies with a chance to renew and improve business contacts with India, which ranks as the United Kingdom's 20th largest export market and where Britain is the largest overseas investor.

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Heath condemns Bush for Iraq raids

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

BRITAIN should not send troops to Kuwait or get further involved in Yugoslavia, Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, said last night. Speaking in a Commons debate on recent raids on Iraq and in the no-fly zones, he said the Arab League should be deployed to protect Kuwait, as it had when Britain withdrew in 1961.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, told MPs that no request for ground troops to be stationed in Kuwait had been received. Welcoming this announcement, Sir Edward said: "We cannot become involved in having ground forces in Kuwait against any possible threat from Iraq. We cannot accept that for one moment. It would once again deepen the hostility towards us in the rest of the Gulf. We got out in 1961 and they would regard this as the colonial power returning."

He counselled against talk of "getting rid of Saddam Hussein". This merely gave him publicity and strengthened his hand: He should not be allowed to dominate international affairs. Sir Edward said his opposition to putting troops into Kuwait was equalled only by his opposition to putting troops into former Yugoslavia. Although the British people were moved by the television pictures they saw, they would take a different view when British bodies were being brought home.

He also attacked George Bush for his actions over the past ten days. He said that if he were the new president of the United States he would be furious at what his predecessor had done. Mr Bush had tried to back Bill Clinton into a corner, Sir Edward said. It was appalling behaviour for anyone in public life.

Opening the debate, Mr Rifkind justified the raids, saying they were necessary to allow patrols to fly in safety to protect the Shia Muslims in the south and the Kurds in the north — people Saddam Hussein had bombed and gassed in the past.

He rejected allegations that the raids were illegal, saying that such action had the backing of Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general. This view was endorsed by Dr David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, although a growing number of Labour MPs are critical of the party leadership and the government over the action.

Questioned about the missile that hit the al-Rashid hotel in Baghdad, Mr Rifkind put the blame firmly on Saddam. If he had complied with United Nations resolutions, he said, the raid would not have been necessary. He angrily rejected a suggestion from one Labour MP that the hit might have been deliberate.

Suggestions that the raids in the southern no-fly zone had been 50 per cent successful were meaningless, Mr Rifkind said. A mission which achieved its objective and brought home the aircraft and their crews was a success. "It is not some sort of video game. It is not simply a matter of pressing the button and the target will be destroyed." A modern bombing mission was carried out at high speed, involved considerable skill and real people. The raids were successful and the Iraqis knew it, he said.

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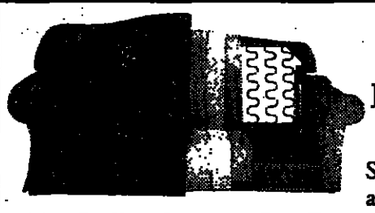
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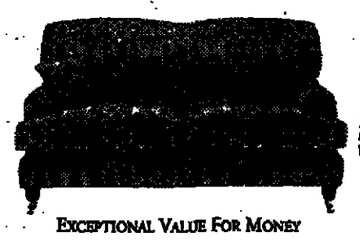
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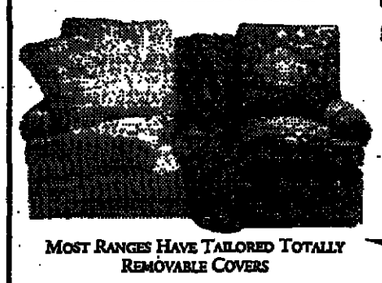
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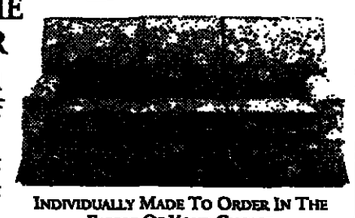
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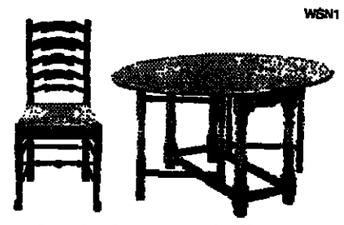
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Iraq greets UN team as Saddam wins propaganda points

■ Saddam has made concessions to America. But UN destruction of Iraq's missiles will test his conciliatory mood to the limit

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

BAGHDAD yesterday backed off from its threat against the United Nations and smoothed the way for more than 50 personnel to resume dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction after a deadlock of nearly a month.

In what was widely regarded as a further concession to the day-old Clinton administration, the first members of a weapons destruction team and aerial inspectors arrived in Baghdad to an unusually hospitable welcome from Iraqi officials. It was unclear last night to what extent the new attack on an Iraqi missile site would affect the UN mission. "It was amazing," said Kevin Saint-Louis, the American team leader, describing how Iraqi Airways staff and customs officials had helped the inspectors with their luggage and processed the 52 members in less than an hour.

Iraq has regularly made life as difficult as possible for the UN experts. Last Friday the foreign ministry gave a warning that it could not guarantee the safety of the UN flight into



Iraq and hinted that, because of the recent escalation of fighting between Iraqi and allied forces, the UN aircraft could be shot down by mistake.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, later accused some of the UN personnel of being spies, an allegation which was repeated after Sunday's US missile attack against a factory in southern Baghdad which had been inspected five times by UN teams. Since the latest showdown, however, President Saddam Hussein has ordered a unilateral ceasefire and granted within hours the flight route to Baghdad for the UN staff.

Paul Bough, the team leader for the destruction of Iraq's chemical weapons stockpile at al-Muthanaa, 25 miles south of Baghdad, predicted that his work in overseeing the incineration and neutralisation of lethal chemical agents would resume over the weekend. "We do not envisage any problems," he said, adding that the programme would probably take some months to complete.

Experts believe part of the reason for the sudden turnaround in Iraq's position is the hope in Baghdad that its compliance with UN Security Council Resolution 687 will lead eventually to the easing and possible lifting of the international embargo imposed on Iraq for the past 2½ years. However, the destruction of chemical weapons is probably the least contentious of the UN operations. Iraq's resolve is far more likely to be tested when the UN resumes its intrusive countrywide inspections to track down and destroy Saddam's advanced missile programme. Jim Kelly, the leader of the aerial inspection team, said his group would probably resume its helicopter flights next week. "Today was the smoothest entry or exit that I have ever made in Iraq after six trips," he said.

Over the past two weeks Saddam has come closer than ever to the twin goals which eluded him in the Gulf war: unravelling the coalition and arousing Arab and Islamic resentment against the West. Critics and admirers alike believe he may gain more Arab support at both government and street level, plus deepening international distrust of the use of force as a tool to bring him to heel.

The political boost won by Baghdad, at a civilian cost which few believe its leadership really cares about, resulted mainly from skilful timing. Saddam sought to capitalise on the West's failure to push Israel over the deportation of more than 400 Palestinians, deep Islamic resentment at the lack of resolve against Serbia, and yesterday's handover of power in the White House. "The contrast between the Americans' eagerness to punish Arab transgressions and their apathy if Israel ignores UN resolutions has rarely been starker," wrote an authoritative Middle East economic survey.

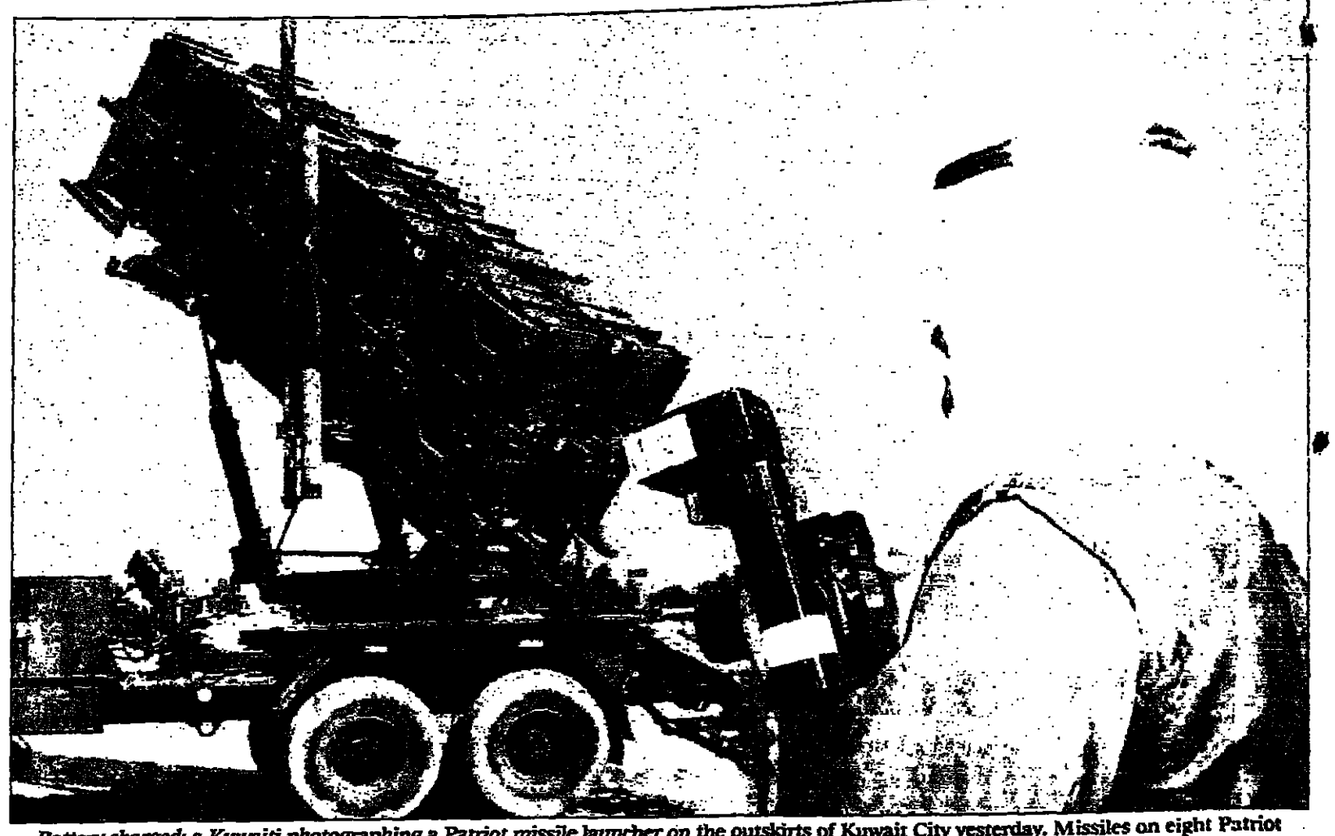
One by one, Saddam's main Arab and Muslim enemies from 1991 lined up to bemoan Western double standards. Now their main concern is the rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism, which has already swept away the democratic experiment in Algeria and is threatening such leaders as President Mubarak and King Husain if they do not listen to their grassroots population.

"We are aware," Amr Moussa, Egypt's foreign minister, said yesterday, "that there is a point of view prevailing throughout the Arab world that there is a double standard in the treatment of many problems."

In Jordan yesterday more than 250 members of parliament and political activitists urged the government to stop supporting UN sanctions against the Iraqi regime. "It is everyone's duty to struggle and take practical steps to break the unjust embargo imposed on Iraq and to break the official Jordanian siege on Iraq," said a petition signed by prominent Islamic fundamentalist and left-wing deputies, writers and lawyers. "We do not accept any official pretexts that compel us to submit to resolutions of this new world order."

Bahrain, used as a base for the US Gulf fleet and the RAF, yesterday joined those calling for an end to hostilities. "The Bahrain government is hopeful of an end to escalations of hostility in the Gulf to help end the suffering of the Iraqi people," said a communiqué.

Most Iraqis have little love for Saddam, but they have even less for Western governments which sent waves of bombers and missiles against them for the second time. A danger is that by responding to Saddam's blatant and carefully timed provocations, the West may have boosted his standing at a high cost to its own credibility among the Arab masses.



Battery-charged: a Kuwaiti photographing a Patriot missile launcher on the outskirts of Kuwait City yesterday. Missiles on eight Patriot launchers were sent to the emirate by the United States from Germany to strengthen its air defences

Court delays ruling on Arab deportees

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday fended off mounting United Nations pressure over Israel's expulsion to Lebanon of 415 suspected Muslim militants after the supreme court delayed a decision on the legality of the deportations.

Speaking before a final meeting with Chinmaya Gharekhan, the UN envoy, Mr Rabin said: "We have the right to take measures against those who do not only want to kill Israelis and Palestinians but also try their best to kill the peace. We have the right to take the measures that are allowed by our laws."

The supreme court granted Yosef Harish, the attorney-general, until Monday to file a detailed written response to judges' questions over how the government expected the deportees' right to a fair hearing to be fulfilled while they are absent from the country. Mr Harish requested the postponement after appearing flustered under sharp questioning from the judges.

Mr Gharekhan, on his second mission to seek the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 799, which calls for the return of the deportees, continued to adopt a tough tone. He said after meeting Palestinian leaders that he was not mandated to explore compromises such as bringing the deportees into Israel's "security zone" border strip in south Lebanon.

Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian peace delegation, said: "As long as the deportees are not returned, there is no peace talks, no peace process and there is no negotiating done as far as we are concerned."

Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, is reported to have received a message earlier this week from Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in which he advised Israel to "find an answer" to the deportee issue.

☐ **Strasbourg:** The European parliament yesterday condemned the expulsions and said the European Community should raise the issue with Israel in imminent trade co-operation talks. EC foreign ministers will meet Mr Peres in Brussels on February 1 to review the 1975 co-operation agreement and discuss future relations. *(Reuter)*



Ashrawi: peace talks off until deportees return

Israelis pin hopes on Clinton team

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ISRAEL yesterday said it expected Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to visit the Middle East as his first act in office to inject new momentum into the stalled peace talks.

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's chief negotiator with Syria and ambassador-designate to Washington, said he hoped the Clinton administration would help to resolve the problem of the Palestinian deportees in Lebanon, thus enabling the Palestinian delegation to return to the peace talks. He also hoped Syria would put pressure on the Lebanese authorities to be flexible over the deportees. "We can achieve take-off this spring and summer," he said.

Professor Rabinovich said there had been considerable progress in Israeli-Syrian talks, with Syria being "very creative diplomatically" and refusing to break off talks despite the issue of the deportees. The two sides remained at odds over what constituted "territorial compromise"; Syria offered peace in exchange for Israeli withdrawal "from all Arab lands", not just from part of the Golan Heights.

Analogies with Egypt were misplaced, Professor Rabinovich said. "The Golan is not Sinai, and Assad is not Sadat. As long as Syria is opaque about peace, we are vague about withdrawal." None the less, Damascus might be willing to advance towards peace even if talks with the Palestinians remained stalled. Professor Rabinovich said Israeli-Palestinian talks were blocked partly because the Palestinian delegation — drawn from the occupied territories — was "overshadowed" by the PLO, and partly because it was aiming for an immediate Palestinian state rather than negotiating on proposals for West Bank autonomy.

He denied that the new Knesset (parliament) law lifting the ban on contacts with the PLO presaged direct Israeli-PLO contacts. There was no point in talking to the PLO because its aim was a Palestinian state. Israel's view was that Palestinian leaders would gain stature by ignoring grand PLO visions and accepting self-government in the West Bank and Gaza.

President Clinton had shown himself a friend of Israel. Professor Rabinovich said. Equally, former President Bush — despite some "bumpy encounters" — had helped Israel greatly by bringing about the peace talks, by aiding Jewish emigration from Russia and Ethiopia, and in his view, by defeating Iraq.

In Tunis, Abie Nathan, the veteran Israeli peace campaigner, met Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, yesterday. Mr Arafat, commenting on Israel's lifting of the ban on contacts with the PLO, said it was "a step which should be followed by recognition of and dialogue with the PLO".

Islamic leaders condemn extremism

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

Delegates from more than 100 Islamic countries yesterday ended a three-day conference here designed to stem the growing tide of fundamentalism by issuing "The Cairo Declaration".

The communiqué urged Muslim nations to establish guidance institutions for their citizens "to purify the Islamic concepts from the distortions that are alien to Islam". In an attempt to improve Islam's world image, the conference denounced "violence and terrorism" which it described as "deviations from Islamic concepts" and called on advocates of the religion to spread it only by peaceful methods.

The fifth general congress of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs included religious affairs ministers from 35 countries in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Concerned about the upsurge of fundamentalism in countries such as Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and Jordan, the conference tried to grapple with the key problem that its recruits are mainly among the young. "The meeting urges scholars to provide more care to Muslim youth and consolidate their belief in Islamic values and principles to confront perverted trends of thought," the declaration said.

Many Western experts on Islamic fundamentalism believe that unemployment and other economic problems are one of the main reasons driving the young into the arms of fundamentalist organisers. The size of the problem was underlined by the fact that the host nation has seen tourism, its biggest foreign currency earner, plummet by half in recent months because of a terror campaign against foreigners by Islamic extremists. The extremists are determined to topple the moderate government of President Mubarak and replace it by an Iranian-style republic.

Mr Mubarak urged the conference to correct "the deformed picture of Islam that is being projected to the world, that Islam is a religion of terrorism, violence and bloodshed."

As his message was being delivered, tourist buses in Egypt were under armed guard, the few cruise boats still plying the upper waters of the Nile were guarded by helicopter gunships and police officers were on special alert near the pyramids where the first bomb attack of its kind by Islamic fanatics was launched against German tourists this month. President Mubarak asked the conference to draw up a new outlook for Islam that denounced extremism and built a wall between Islam and terrorism "on the basis that religion preaches love and tolerance, not violence and extremism".

He urged the delegates to work to rectify Islam's modern image in co-ordination with government, religious and social institutions in their home countries.

In Egypt, where the battle against the extremists grows more intense by the month, more than 800 suspected militants were arrested in recent security swoops in Cairo, thousands of private mosques nationalised and Islamic scholars ordered to give the government prior notice of their lectures. The militants responded by declaring all-out war on foreign tourists visiting the capital.

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Blazing supertanker threatens to pollute the Malaysian coast

FROM KENNETH WHITING IN SINGAPORE

A SALVAGE tug began fighting a fire on board a fully-laden and abandoned supertanker off northern Sumatra late yesterday but the vessel's owners said it would take days to bring the fire under control.

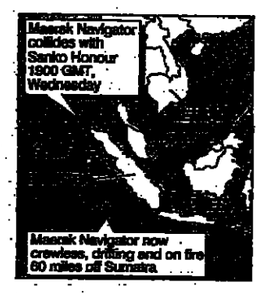
At least one of the 255,312-tonne *Maersk Navigator's* cargo tanks holding nearly two million barrels of crude oil was ruptured and spilling oil, according to a spokesman for the owners, A.P. Moller (Singapore). Two more salvage tugs were due to arrive beside the stricken vessel during the night to help douse the fire but the spokesman added: "It will take days before we put out the flames."

He said salvage experts were originally scheduled to fly over the supertanker to investigate the oil spillage but darkness forced them to postpone the flight until today. About two days of cooling off by hosing down the vessel was needed before foam could be applied to blanket the fire and cut off oxygen feeding the flames, the spokesman said.

Law Hieng Ding, Malaysia's environment minister, said: "Our prime concern now is the crude oil ... and if there is spillage and the spill reaches Malaysian waters, we can expect a disaster." Malaysia could handle an oil spill of up to 7,000 tonnes, he added.

Agent for the 260,000-tonne *Maersk Navigator* said it was abandoned by its crew of 24 after being in collision with the *Sanko Honour*, an empty 47,344-tonne tanker. Both ships burst into flames.

The *Maersk Navigator* was carrying 1.865 million barrels of crude oil to Japan from Oman, a spokesman for General Sekiyu, owner of part of the oil cargo, said in Tokyo.



The ship was made in South Korea by Hyundai Heavy Industries in 1989.

"Some oil has spilled into the sea and is on fire," a statement released by the Singapore office of A.P. Moller, a Danish-owned company, said. There was no indication of the extent of the spillage, according to the statement. "The extent of hull damage to the *Maersk Navigator* and possible pollution have as yet to be clarified," it added.

Lieutenant Colonel Ain Darmosusilo of the Indonesian navy base on Weh island, not far from the site of the collision, confirmed the spillage. There was no wind and the sea was calm, he said.

There were no injuries among the supertanker crew, who were taken aboard a passing German container vessel, *DSR Atlantic*. First word of the collision was relayed from the *DSR Atlantic* to Singapore by the Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Stavanger, Norway. The *Atlantic* plucked the *Maersk Navigator's* crew from a lifeboat.

The fire on board the *Sanko Honour* was put out by its crew, who remained on board, a spokesman for Sanko Steamship Co said in Tokyo. There were no injuries among the 25 crew members. Shell International Petroleum Co said it has the *Sanko Honour* under charter. Both ships are registered in Singapore and the marine department requested that the owners bring their crews here for an investigation.

The collision occurred in the Andaman Sea about 57 miles from Banda Aceh on the northern tip of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. There was no immediate word on the reason for the collision.

Scores of ships pass through the area daily while approaching or leaving the northern end of the Malacca Straits between Sumatra and Malaysia, one of the world's busiest waterways.

The Dutch firm Smit Tak Towage and Salvage has been contracted to co-ordinate salvage operations, the Moller statement said. Salvage vessels were due at the scene early today. *(AP)*



Eyes on the future: the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and President de Klerk answering reporters' questions outside the presidential offices in Cape Town yesterday after holding talks. Dr Carey said it was time for the world to reward Mr de Klerk's reforms. He praised Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Cape Town for what he had done to fight apartheid, and said the church should keep up pressure on political leaders. But in answer to a question about sanctions against South Africa, he said that it was a time for "generosity and goodwill". Dr Carey said: "I believe that we ... have seen the good will and the commitment of the South African government and there ought to be good will on the part of the international community in supporting and encouraging the welcome developments." Dr Carey is in South Africa for an international meeting of Anglican clergy and laity. *(Reuter)*

Unita set to launch attack on oil capital

From Associated Press in Luanda

UNITA rebels in Angola's oil-producing northern enclave of Cabinda were massing to march on its capital, the Angolan state radio said yesterday. The government accused Zaire and South Africa of sending troops to assist the rebel advance.

The radio said Unita troops were gathering about 20 miles east of Cabinda, the capital, near the town of Chimbuande. The enclave is wedged between Congo and Zaire on the Atlantic coast north of Angola. Cabinda produces more than half of Angola's oil, which earns 90 per cent of its foreign currency.

Andre Pitra, the interior minister, claimed that Zaire and South Africa were helping Unita in its advance on Cabinda and said the situation in the enclave would be "very serious" in coming days, after the rebel capture of the northern oil town of Soyo.

The Zaire embassy in Luanda denied yesterday that Zairean troops were fighting alongside the Unita rebels.

Colony's press harassed to please China

William Shawcross reports on charges by an anti-censorship group that China is able to muzzle freedom of expression in Hong Kong

Article 19, the International Centre Against Censorship, publishes today a report on freedom of expression in Hong Kong. It is intended to draw attention to the many examples of journalistic courage and enterprise in the territory and to the restrictions that increasingly are being imposed (or self-imposed) on journalists there, as Hong Kong continues the process of "convergence" with China before it is handed back in 1997.

The auguries are not good. The Hong Kong press was vocal in its support of the Democracy Movement and vehement in its denunciation of the Tiananmen Square mass killings in June 1989. Chinese leaders were outraged. Since then Peking has said that Hong Kong must not be used as a base for "interference in China's internal affairs" and journalists in the territory have been advised to conform to Peking's priorities.

In September 1990, the Xinhua news agency, which in effect is Peking's embassy and shadow government in Hong Kong, was told to develop closer control over the independent media in Hong Kong. Particular pressure was applied to *Wen Wei Po*, a paper controlled by the Chinese authorities which nevertheless emerged as a fierce critic of Peking's policies on the Democracy Movement and the associated violence. The publisher was dismissed and about 30 journalists walked out. *Wen Wei Po* was dragged back into the fold and has been among the harshest critics of the reform proposals of Chris Patten, the colony's governor.

At the same time, the Hong Kong Xinhua office now does all that it can to attack, discredit and intimidate those journalists and publications that it sees as critical of Peking. Journalists of all publications are warned that their writings are studied closely in Peking. The intimidation is obvious and frightening. The control of information is central to the manner in which the Chinese Communist party maintains its dictatorial powers. The media in China are almost entirely managed by the state. The anger that spontaneously, openly and freely was expressed in Hong Kong at the brutal suppression of the Democracy Movement in June 1989 provoked outrage in the Peking government.

In the joint agreement with Britain, and under the Basic Law, China has on paper committed itself to allowing press freedom to continue in Hong Kong after 1997. Given the record of the Chinese authorities, there is reason to doubt the sincerity of these commitments. But the more immediate problem is that the present Hong Kong authorities on several occasions have limited freedom of expression of views seen as being antagonistic to the rulers in Peking.

The dispute that has developed between Mr Patten and the government of China over the pace and nature of democratic reform in China illustrates powerfully the extent to which China believes it has the right to dictate events in Hong Kong.

Between now and 1997, Article 19 will continue to document the way in which the right to freedom of expression is observed both in Hong Kong and in China itself. The preservation of an open press in the territory is an essential right of its inhabitants. Without it, they cannot hope to make informed judgments.

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Republicans exit from the stage to plot Clinton's downfall



Tutwiler: faces questions on search of Clinton files

FROM IAN BRODIE AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ George Bush's aides, now out of a job, are wasting no time in planning their strategy for the next four years and a return to a leading White House role

AS GEORGE BUSH readjusts to retirement, many of his fellow Republicans are plotting how they can return to power. A core of departing White House staff and cabinet secretaries will stay in Washington to plan the comeback, while others will launch their hopes for renewal from the American heartland, each eyeing the others as potential rivals for the Republican presidential nomination in 1996.

Mr Bush and his wife, Barbara, still sombre over the failure to win a second term, awoke yesterday in a much humbler white house than the one they were used to. This is a two-storey rented home in one of Houston's posher districts, which they will use while a four-bedroom house is built for them near by. The only obvious reminder of Mr Bush's recent status was a slimmed-down Secret Service detail. Now Mr Bush will help to plan his presidential library on the campus of Texas A and M University and will almost certainly consider a book deal.

Dan Quayle, the former vice-president, will also compose his political memoirs and hopes to join several corporate boards. He plans to go home to Indianapolis at the end of his children's school year. He has announced that, if he runs for public office again, it will only be for the presidency. To that end, he will undoubtedly be nurturing his popularity among the conservative Republican rank and file across the country.

An equally unvarnished ambition to occupy the White Houses is harboured by Richard Cheney, the former defence secretary. He will join the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington think-tank, as a senior fellow. His wife, Lynne, will also go to the institute, having been chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Another presidential hopeful, Jack Kemp, the housing and urban development secretary in the Bush cabinet, is staying in Washington to form an alliance with other conservatives called Empower America. This non-profit group will tout Mr Kemp's favourite pro-growth scheme of tax breaks and other incentives for would-be entrepreneurs, especially in inner cities. Mr Kemp's ideas fell on deaf ears in the Bush White House until the Los Angeles riots, but by then it was too late.

Question-marks hang over the future of James Baker, the former Secretary of State and latterly White House Chief of Staff, whose reputation as a master campaigner was left in tatters by the Bush defeat. He is said to be seeking a $1 million (£645,000) advance for a book covering his three years overseeing foreign policy during the end of the Cold war, but so far has had no takers among New York publishers.

After seeing out his daughter's school year in Washington, Mr Baker will set up a base in Houston. Rice University has established the James A. Baker III Institute of Policy where he is expected to give lectures and run conferences.

The institute might serve as a White House launch pad, but Mr Baker does not enjoy political rallies and is uneasy about campaigning through months of bruising primaries. He has run for election only once, as attorney-general of Texas in 1978. He lost.

Among the lesser Bush figures, Lamar Alexander, departing education secretary, is returning to his home state of Tennessee to devise a strategy that he hopes will bring him to Washington as President Clinton's successor. At this stage, he has to be an outsider.

Marlin Fitzwater, the former White House spokesman, and Margaret Tutwiler, former State Department spokesman, are forming a lobbying and public relations firm together. First Mr Fitzwater will go on a speaking tour and Ms Tutwiler has to answer prosecutors' questions about her possible role in ordering a search of Mr Clinton's passport files.

On his first day in 12 years as an ordinary private citizen, Mr Bush went to work shortly after 9am, carrying his own briefcase, in the ninth-floor suite of a nearby office block, for which American taxpayers will be paying. "It's been a one hell of a ride and we are very, very lucky people . . . All I can say is that I've done my best and tried my hardest," said the man who is now America's fifth living former president. "It's difficult to know that tomorrow you don't have to do anything," he added wistfully.

The homecoming to Tanglewood, Houston, bought Mr Bush's career full circle. It was from the same district that he had been first elected to Congress 26 years earlier.

Baird will defy calls to give up justice post

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ZOE Baird, President Clinton's choice to be America's first woman attorney-general, refused to step aside yesterday, despite growing opposition to her because she had hired two illegal aliens as household help.

When asked at her Senate judiciary committee confirmation hearing about calls for her nomination to be withdrawn, she replied: "I don't believe that would be appropriate. I think my overall record gives me the potential to be a great attorney-general." Ms Baird added: "I've done something I deeply regret. I've paid the penalty. I made a mistake. I don't excuse myself."

Earlier Barbara Jordan, a prominent Democrat, issued a blunt demand for her to "take the ethical high ground" and withdraw. Across America, angry callers rang phone-in shows to insist that her behaviour ran counter to Mr Clinton's professed commitment to the highest ethical standards among his appointees.

Senators who must confirm Ms Baird's nomination received hundreds of calls urging them to vote against her. Democrats, who are in the majority, have no wish to reject a Clinton nominee and feel sympathy for a working mother, but the widespread negative reaction was making them uneasy.

The committee's leading Republican, Senator Orrin Hatch, said: "Although she made a terrible mistake, the rest of her background is exemplary." But another Republican, Senator Charles Grassley, said there were regulations against the hiring of wilful lawbreakers such as Ms Baird in the justice department, which she would supervise as attorney-general.

Ms Jordan's attack was especially hurtful for the new president on his first full day in office. She is a widely respected former congresswoman and Texas university professor, who spoke as the party's conscience at the Democratic convention which chose Mr Clinton to run for the White House.

Mr Clinton ignored questions shouted by reporters about Ms Jordan's remarks during a White House open day for the public. His press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said Ms Baird was doing a good job of defending herself and the president was standing behind her.

Mr Clinton had been determined to pick a woman to be attorney-general. Ms Baird was chosen in some haste to complete the cabinet before Christmas and was not his first choice. She had told Mr Clinton about her infraction over the aliens, but he shrugged it off. Ms Baird's dilemma of juggling child care and a career is shared by millions of working couples who are among Mr Clinton's contemporaries. Turning to illegal aliens for help is a familiar solution, especially among the well-to-do.

Ms Baird, 40, a corporate lawyer who last year earned $500,000 (£325,000), and her husband, Paul Gewirtz, a Yale law professor, hired a Peruvian woman to look after their three-year-old-son with her husband as the family's driver. Each was paid $12,000, but neither had a permit to work in the United States.

Perhaps even worse, Ms Baird did not pay social security taxes on the Peruvians' wages, a lapse for which she has paid a civil fine of $2,900 to the immigration service, one of the departments that would come under her authority as attorney-general.



Baird: told committee she regretted mistake

Wild Bill has a ball with sax and rock 'n' roll

FROM BEN MACINTYRE AND KATE MUIR IN WASHINGTON

HIS advisers had cautioned that it might send the wrong signal. Harry Thomason, the Hollywood television producer and mastermind of the Clinton inauguration, said it wasn't presidential. Even Hillary advised against it.

On Wednesday night, however, just a few hours after the swearing-in ceremony, the new leader of the United States did what no president has done before: he picked up a tenor saxophone and played "Your Momma Don't Dance and Your Daddy Don't Rock 'n' Roll", and played it well.

The choice of tune seemed appropriate for here, after all, was the man who came to power by speaking for a generation of people whose mothers generally did not dance and whose fathers did not approve of Elvis the Pelvis. As the president picked up the sax, the now familiar Arkansas pig-calling cheer rang around the 12,000-strong crowd at Washington Convention



Boys in the band: President Clinton plays the saxophone while Al Gore, the vice-president, mimes guitar on inauguration night

Centre: "Woooo pig! Sooooooey!" Later in the evening at the New York/D.C. Ball, the president again went through his paces on saxophone, this time with a rather less polished rendition of the soul classic "Night Train". "I think I better keep my day job," he said afterwards, purple from his efforts.

As he and his wife Hillary moved from one ball to another (12 in all, attended by more than 70,000 people), the president was met by chants of "We want sax! We want sax!" In common with much of the rest of Washington, the Clintons summoned up their last residues of energy for a night of frantic, non-stop partying. They danced, they sang, they joggled and bopped and shouted. "Does Hillary look great tonight, or WHAT?" the compère-in-chief shouted to revellers at the New England Ball.

As 2.00am approached, the first couple staggered towards their last ball, the Midwestern at Washington's Sheraton Hotel. "We got no sleep last night and we're still standing," said Mr Clinton, his voice beginning to crack.

However, the man who only two days ago was signing himself modestly as Bill Clinton or just plain Bill, had become William J. Clinton. The sudden change in signature was first sighted on an executive order on ethics which he signed soon after his inauguration.

"I think it's for historic purposes," explained Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary. She could not say whether the full signature would stay, but pointed out that William J. had "a unique style" of writing, by which she meant almost illegible. At this rate, it can only be a matter of days before the presidential moniker expands to William Jefferson Clinton.

That's politics for you. One minute you are just a guy who governs the state that grows the biggest watermelons in the world, and next thing you know, you're "the big enchilada".

On the other hand, how the mighty fall, as Nancy Reagan has just discovered. She tried to call her old acquaintance, television super-interviewer Barbara Walters, to complain about her unflattering portrayal in commentaries. Oblivious to the fact anyone mattered but herself, Mrs Reagan placed her call to ABC television right in the middle of their coverage of the inaugural ceremonies, and mistakenly, they put her through to another presenter who was on air. Thus everyone and their dog knew Mrs Reagan was ringing for a moan.

The Reagans had not been invited to the Clinton inauguration, and "if anyone thought they had," they were wrong, said Nancy. The Reagans had most definitely been snubbed, whatever Ronald Reagan's office was saying to the contrary. So there.

Yet there are what can only be described as Nancyesque touches to the story that Hillary Clinton was not going to pay for that violet ball gown spattered with what appeared to be Christmas fairylights. It was, said her press secretary, "a contribution to the Clinton-Gore efforts" by the designer Sarah Phillips.

Ooops. That was exactly how Mrs Reagan augmented her wardrobe without diminishing her bank balance. A day later, Mrs Clinton's office discovered there had been a "miscommunication" about the dress. A cheque was about to be sent to Ms Phillips for her trouble but the price remains unknown. Mrs Clinton will not ever wear the dress again. By tradition, the Smithsonian Institute keeps all the First Ladies' inaugural ball gowns for display.

US steps up screening process to deter new Haitian exodus

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE American embassy in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, yesterday began to step up its capacity to process requests for political asylum, as part of the Clinton administration's effort to stop the flow of boat people.

For the time being President Clinton appears to have averted an exodus of refugees from Haiti. But the man favoured by Mr Clinton to be his chief policymaker on Latin American and Caribbean affairs has run into nomination problems with influential anti-Castro Democrats. The nomination of Mario Baeza, 41, a black Cuban-American lawyer as assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, was blocked after he was accused of being too soft on Cuba and opposing a tightened economic embargo against the island.

Supporters of the Harvard law school graduate, who has years of business experience in Latin America, denounced what they said was a smear campaign against Mr Baeza.

In Haiti, eight survivors of the country's worst refugee disaster, were returned from Cuba on Wednesday and described how nearly 400 refugees drowned after the overloaded freighter *Miraculous Virgin*, capsized and sank on December 21, two days after leaving the northern coast of Haiti.

"We saw heads bobbing up around us, swimming for a while, and then going down," said Louis Kesner, a survivor. "The members of the crew wept and called on God to help them," he told reporters at Port-au-Prince airport after being repatriated.

Mr Clinton said last week that it was events like this that had decided him to continue a Bush administration policy of repatriating Haitian refugees, rather than allow them to make risky voyages to the Florida coast. "I fear boat departures in the near future would result in further tragic losses of life," he said.

After Mr Clinton had earlier said he would soften immigration policy towards Haitians, American officials said an exodus of boat people was being prepared by boat builders all along the Haitian coast. The American embassy in Haiti yesterday increased its consular staff from three to seven and said it planned to open branch offices in the countryside.

But the feared armada of 100,000 boat people has not materialised. On Wednesday 163 Haitian refugees were intercepted by US Coast Guards about 20 miles off the coast. Since last Friday, when Mr Clinton approved a Coast Guard plan called Operation Able Manner, to step up patrols of the Haitian coast with a fleet of 22 vessels, a total of 424 Haitians have been picked up on four boats.

Last year nearly 40,000 Haitians set sail for the US. The Coast Guard intercepted and destroyed 500 boats carrying 30,000 refugees. The latest reports estimate that 1,200 potential refugee boats have been built or are under construction along the coast.

Guatemalan leader seen at topless bar

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

PRESIDENT Serrano of Guatemala has returned home to controversy after he was filmed emerging from a topless bar in Manhattan.

Señor Serrano was in New York to present a new peace plan to end the civil war in his country to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general. He is a born-again Christian and former pastor of an evangelical Protestant church in Guatemala.

The television pictures were shown on the Miami-based Spanish-language station, Univision, which is broadcast throughout Latin America. Señor Serrano was shown on television hiding his face from the camera as he got into a car and drove away.

The president blamed left-wing guerrillas for manipulating the television pictures, but did not directly deny he had visited the club. Arturo Alvarado, a presidential spokesman, said that Señor Serrano had dined at a restaurant near by, but did not enter the club.

Steven Spielberger, a freelance cameraman who filmed Señor Serrano leaving the club, said that he had received a tip from the owner. The club, Stringfellows, has topless waitresses and caters to a well-off clientele. For example, a small bottle of champagne can cost up to £48.

The Univision channel was cut without explanation from the cable service in Guatemala after the broadcast. Other channels were transmitting normally. Guillermo Martinez, Univision news director, defended the report as accurate, but said that the network would issue an apology for its "tone".

Señor Martinez added that Univision did not intend to imply that Señor Serrano was involved in a scandal with naked women.

"It is manipulation by people tied to the (rebel) National Guatemalan Revolutionary Unity," Señor Serrano, 47, said of the report after returning home to find critics of his behaviour in full cry.

Paraguay seeks extradition of dictator for murder trial

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN SANTIAGO

PARAGUAY will ask Brazil today for the extradition of its former dictator, General Alfredo Stroessner. Judicial authorities will present the extradition order and evidence linking General Stroessner with the "disappearance" and murder of two brothers.

Judge Nelson Mora said: "We are asking for the extradition of General Stroessner because he is accused of involvement in the torture and murder of Paraguayan citizens."

This is the second extradition order Paraguayan authorities have issued for General Stroessner, who fled to Brazil in 1989 when he was deposed after a coup led by General Andrés Rodriguez, now president of Paraguay. But the previous order, issued in 1990, was rejected by the Brazilian authorities, who said General Stroessner was a victim of political persecution.

During General Stroessner's 34-year dictatorship, thousand of Paraguayans "disappeared" and were killed in clandestine torture camps because of their left-wing affiliations. Security forces were given emergency powers under which they carried out an indiscriminate purge of "suspected" subversives.

Paraguayan authorities say that they have enough evidence to open a trial against him. Luis Escobar Faella, Paraguayan chief state prosecutor, said: "This time our request for extradition cannot be rejected, because we have evidence linking Stroessner directly to a particular case of the disappearance and murder of two young brothers."

Paraguay says it possesses evidence of General Stroessner's personal involvement in the torture and murder of Benjamin and Rodolfo Ramirez, who disappeared at the hands of the security forces in 1974. The brothers were accused of belonging to a guerrilla group that tried to overthrow the general, but human rights activists say they were merely members of a left-wing youth group.

A month ago judicial authorities obtained former secret police files disclosing that General Stroessner had been in regular contact with the chief of police and had discussed and planned with him the abduction of the young brothers and their eventual killing in November 1974. The archives also disclosed details of hundreds of other irregular arrests by the security forces under General Stroessner.

The general, who is in his eighties, has lived in Brazil since he fled from Paraguay. General Rodriguez has faced increasing pressure to bring the former dictator to book for human rights violations during his long regime.

General Rodriguez, who belongs to the same Colorado party as General Stroessner, has promised to hand power to an elected government after elections in May, and Paraguayans are likely to persevere in their efforts to try their former leader for alleged crimes.

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Croats and Muslims at odds over peace plan

■ The Bosnian Serbs have said they accept the Geneva peace plan. Ironically, the agreement has triggered further fighting between the region's Croats and Muslims

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN TRAVNIK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A CROAT soldier was reported killed by Muslim snipers yesterday as sporadic fighting continued between nominally allied Muslim and Croat forces in Bosnia, despite a truce agreed between the two sides on Wednesday.

Mediators hoped that fresh talks in Geneva this weekend would give the peace process new momentum. Lord Owen, joint broker of the ceasefire, issued a warning to Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader, saying that his "unconditional commitment" to the United Nations peace plans would be demanded when talks resume.

Sources in Geneva had expected that the ceasefire might be vulnerable but hoped that battlefield extremists would be brought to heel by common acceptance of the plan's first stage, devolution of central powers, and this weekend's new drive on the second, a map of autonomous cantons.

The killing of the Croat, a soldier of the Croatian Defence Council (HVO) in Gornji Vakuf, was being treated as an isolated incident. Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, his American counterpart, were still hopeful of bolstering the settlement.

In Gornji Vakuf, UN forces attempted to mediate between the two sides. Fighting in the town, a vital staging post on the relief routes into central Bosnia, where relations between Muslims and Croats have been deteriorating for months, has been triggered by the peace plan.

While the HVO appears set to accept the settlement, sections of the Bosnian army reject it. Under the terms of the plan Gornji Vakuf would be Croat controlled. Before the war, the town's population was largely Muslim.

Mate Boban, leader of the Bosnian Croats, has called for an emergency meeting in Split with President Izetbegovic of Bosnia to discuss the conflict. Mr Boban promised to pull all Croats out of the multi-ethnic Bosnian presidency if Mr Izetbegovic carried out his threat to bring the Croat-Muslim dispute before the UN Security Council.

If the clashes spread through the web of mixed Croat-Muslim communities that covers Bosnia, the UN relief operation would probably have to end and the 2,400 British troops would be forced to withdraw leaving Bosnia an inferno of warring militias.

In Travnik, the HVO and Bosnian army commanders have signed a joint declaration, threatening to "liquidate extremists" who create friction between the allies. But signs of increased tension are there. The danger signs are spreading. UN military sources say that HVO fighters are digging in with mortar positions and a new Muslim checkpoint has appeared.

Bosnian army officers say the danger of the conflict between Croats and Muslims spreading is real but hopefully avoidable. "In Travnik there is a feeling of tension and distrust," Ahmed Kulenovic, a Bosnian army commander, said. "But I will fight against anyone for Bosnia. Anyone who points a gun at me is my enemy."

☐ **Geneva:** Serb forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina have regularly used rape and harassment as part of their campaign to force Muslims and Croats to flee their homes, Amnesty International said yesterday.

The human rights organisation said in some cases, the violations were carried out "in an organised or systematic way, with the deliberate detention of women for the purpose of rape and sexual abuse ... incidents involving the sexual abuse of women appear to fit into a wider pattern of warfare, characterised by intimidation and abuses against Muslims and Croats which have led thousands to flee or to be compliant when expelled from their home areas out of fear of further violations."

Amnesty said all warring factions were guilty, but that Serbs carried by far the most blame. Nick Howen, the organisation's legal officer, said that it was impossible to estimate the true number of victims and there was no evidence to back up the figure of 20,000 cited by the European Community. *(AP)*

Bosnia stages armageddon with extras

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN SARAJEVO

SOMETHING about the scene seems terribly familiar when you stroll through central Sarajevo in a misty twilight. The shattered central European façades, the charred innards of offices spilling into the street, the mangled buses, the sandbags and sniper barriers are of course the decor of newsreels from the second world war.

Also from another age are the haunted faces of the people, as they rush their wheelbarrows along near-deserted streets, the silence broken by the occasional ambulance siren and the sporadic "crump" of artillery shells. But after a while it dawns on you that the sense of *déjà vu* is not a black-and-white flashback over half a century, but more a screenplay from all those films of the post-nuclear apocalypse. From *On the Beach* to *Mad Max*, *Blade Runner* and *Brazil*, they always imagined it would take a superpower war to destroy European civilisation. But Sarajevo and other embattled towns of Bosnia give you a glimpse of a miniature armageddon with all mod cons, a pleasant European city where hunger and swift carnage share space with fax machines and satellite television.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, may call it a "rich man's war", but in Bosnia they are amazed that Europe has not understood that, as a local doctor put it, a country is being destroyed in its midst. "We have stopped thinking about European civilisation," he said.

In Sarajevo, people are trying to keep up civilised standards. Few women venture out without make-up. You spot well-dressed elderly couples gathering firewood near the Holiday Inn, a hulking modern atrium hotel that is shell-scarred, dark and sinister but still home to the clutch of remaining foreign reporters.

Like those post-nuclear films, life takes on its own mad logic, and it is strange how quickly you get used to a different normality. After two days you reach for your flak jacket before going out as automatically as a raincoat. At night the crashing of mortars and bursts of gunfire no longer trouble your sleep. When they show you to a room and apologise for the 3ft hole in the wall beside the bed, newly patched up, you wonder more about the availability of hot water than the chances of another tank round taking the same route through the wall.

Another symptom of the madness of Sarajevo is the apparent punishment inflicted on their own people by the Bosnian authorities who, according to the French, deliberately delayed reconnecting the city's water supply. Their purpose was apparently to dramatise the city's plight.

You live an indoor life to avoid sniper bullets and shrapnel. Families unable to keep children inside pray they will not be next in the war casualty list which has already reached 8,000 dead. You do not bother to wonder who is sniping or why. "There are many sick people who are not under orders from anyone," a resident said. The freelance nature of much of the fighting adds to the pessimism over the chances of a ceasefire being observed.

If you are lucky, you only venture out with armour. For the better-off foreign reporters this means "hardened" Land-Rovers, machines which are useful for running the gauntlet of "sniper alley", the lethal stretch through the front lines between town and airport (rather superfluously, there are No Parking signs at the roadside).

The poshest transport is the VAB (forward armoured vehicle) of the French army, a beast with room for eight. Inside, the comfort of the armour outweighs the poor suspension and noisy engine. Motorists are advised to bring masking tape to cover the number plates when you drive a hire car from one side to another. They are also advised to avoid heroic French colonels like the one who decided to leave the VAB at home and lead our soft-skinned hire cars into the town of Bihac, as it came under Serbian fire.



City of fear: a woman carrying a child runs past an intersection, trying to avoid sniper fire, which is a perpetual risk to anyone venturing out in Sarajevo

For a glimpse of the surreal side of the new Europe, you only have to visit the PTT building in Sarajevo, headquarters of the United Nations relief effort. There, jammed into six floors and three basements, can be found a living specimen of the new world order, a multi-national military operation where old adversaries are trying to work together to bring civilisation back to the city and surroundings. A babble of languages burbles through the corridors as you hear Egyptian police officers argue in broken English with Russian paratroop officers. Spanish, Norwegian, Dutch and American resound through the building. On one of the doors a notice reads: "Kiwi Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina".

At a party on Saturday night, Ukrainian officers could be found complaining about the French at one end of the room. "*Froggie yest froggie!*" (a frog is always a frog), one major snorted in Russian. Behind him a squad of British privates was getting very drunk on Canadian beer. Nearby, awaiting orders, was the driver of the Egyptian commanding general, a red-haired private from Austin, Texas, serving in the French Foreign Legion. There were also a batch of Danish soldiers, two sporting earrings.

Standing in another corner was Bernard Kouchner, France's health and humanitarian action minister, along with Bernard Henri-Lévy, the fashionable "new philosopher". Dr Kouchner says that the claustrophobic world of the PTT building reminds him of an aquarium.

Multiple languages are not the only obstacle to smooth operations. The cumbersome machinery of the UN makes for bureaucracy and delay. Relations are not always easy among the Egyptian, French and Ukrainian forces who run the Sarajevo sector. The French were furious last Saturday when the Ukrainian-led convoy to relieve Zipa radioed that it was short of fuel. The cause, they said, was that the Ukrainians had sold off their petrol on the black market. "We always thought the Soviet troops were such a terrible threat, but now we see them working we are not impressed," a French officer said. "The French are arrogant," opined a Russian in the Ukrainian brigade.

Opinion on the British is mixed. One French colonel complained that "they do not play by the rules" and were too eager for publicity, but a Legion major praised their efficiency. For all the patchwork of different uniforms, on one point the military are in agreement: they see themselves as sitting ducks for Serbian revenge if the world starts trying to enforce the Bosnian no-fly zone.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Callaghan leads call for deal on debts

Cape Town: A call for the cancellation of Africa's foreign debt was made by former heads of government and political and business leaders at a meeting in Cape Town (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The InterAction council, chaired by Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Labour prime minister, aims to form a strategy to pull the continent out of its economic plight and present its proposals to heads of government and the United Nations.

Participants include former leaders of Nigeria, Zambia, Portugal, Egypt and Angola, and Robert McNamara, former World Bank president. Adrian Hewitt, deputy director of the Overseas Development Institute, a London-based think tank, said external debt of the sub-Saharan African countries represented more than their entire gross national product.

Jobs decrease

Helsinki: Finland, hit by a loss of trade with what used to be the Soviet Union, saw unemployment jump to 18.6 per cent of the work-force last month from 16.9 per cent in November. In 1990 the jobless rate was below 4 per cent. *(Reuter)*

Tibetans jailed

Peking: Five Tibetan farmers were jailed for 13 to 15 years for staging a pro-independence protest, the London-based Tibet International Network said. The sentences, it added, reflected China's concern about a rise in such activitites in rural Tibet. *(AP)*

Famine feared

Johannesburg: Landlocked Malawi will run out of food early next month unless urgent action is taken to speed shipments, the World Food Programme, a United Nations agency, said. Part of the problem was a local "vacuum in decision-making". *(Reuter)*

Stalingrad toll

Moscow: More than a million Soviet soldiers died in the Battle of Stalingrad during the second world war and at least 13,500 were executed for cowardice, the Russian Institute for Military History said. Germany lost about 800,000 servicemen. *(Reuter)*

Paradise lost

Johannesburg: Enrique Patuel, 71, a Spaniard who bought a £20,000 retirement home in South Africa's Eastern Cape, arrived to find it had been stolen brick by brick. Señor Patuel said he was going back to Madrid. *(Reuter)*

Police raid Mafia man's last hideout

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

ITALIAN police yesterday raided what is believed to have been the last hideout of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, the alleged head of the Sicilian Mafia, who was arrested in Palermo a week ago.

The refuge, in a humble six-room villa on the outskirts of Palermo, was surrounded by 300 paramilitary police as the raid began. Soldiers with sub-machineguns dropped from a helicopter and an army lorry was used to batter down an iron gate as the operation got under way in spectacular style for the benefit of the television cameras. Despite the precautions, nothing more dangerous than a few chickens was found.

Police were checking tunnels beneath the house. They said the property, situated close to where Signor Riina was arrested last Friday, was originally intended to be the site of a new conference centre, but work had been halted by a protracted legal dispute. The Sicilian authorities yesterday ordered an enquiry into the ownership of the property, which embarrassingly appeared to belong to its own pension fund. Neighbours said no one resembling Signor Riina had ever been seen in the area.

Signor Riina is in solitary confinement in Rome's top-security prison. He has said he would like to attend the numerous trials concerning him in person, but the interior ministry says that for security reasons he can participate in the trials only by video link.



Vive le roi! A royalist demonstrator in Paris yesterday

French turn out to cheer or jeer guillotined king

Paris: The guillotined King Louis XVI continued to divide the French 200 years to the day after his execution during the French Revolution, with republicans and rival groups of monarchists holding separate commemorative demonstrations yesterday.

Several thousand people gathered at the Place de la Concorde where Louis XVI mounted the scaffold on January 21, 1793. They said prayers and laid wreaths. About 50 boisterous republicans stationed themselves in the southeast corner, insisting that that was where the guillotine had been erected. They drank red wine and served calf's head vinaigrette from a huge cauldron.

At the Basilica of St Denis in the northern suburb of St Denis, meanwhile, Louis-Alphonse de Bourbon, Duke of Anjou, the Bourbon pretender, attended a Mass in the king's memory with 2,000 of his supporters, known as legitimists. Other royalists briefly occupied the Panthéon. *(AFP)*

Paradox for Yeltsin as commonwealth questions loyalties

BY ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

PRESIDENT Yeltsin flies to the summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in Minsk today, confronted with a recurring paradox.

Most of the central Asian republics which want a closer commonwealth are of little long-term interest to Russia, while the state Moscow really wants to keep in a close union — Ukraine — is firmly opposed to a closer grouping.

The adoption of a "CIS charter", proposed by Russia and Kazakhstan and providing for a new legal framework and closer relations, will dominate the agenda in Minsk. Ukraine and Turkmenistan this week said that they would not sign it: Turkmenistan fears having to sell its natural gas at subsidised prices, and Ukraine fears Russian imperial domination.

What the "charter" will consist of remains unclear even to governments that support it. Pyotr Kravchenko, the Belorussian foreign minister, said yesterday that the charter would allow republics to opt out of certain provisions or to join later. The charter foresees a one-year period for ratification, and Russia itself is likely to wait, in order to pursue further negotiations with the Ukraine. The result is likely to be a two-tiered CIS, with an inner core of Russia, Belorussia, Kazakhstan, other central Asian republics and Armenia, with Ukraine and other states more loosely associated.

Confusion over Russia's policy towards the military aspects of the charter has been increased by a statement from the deputy defence minister, General Vladimir Zhurbenko, that Russia will propose to take over full control of Soviet strategic nuclear missiles from the CIS. Under the present CIS treaty, the commonwealth is formally responsible for these missiles in Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belorussia pending their withdrawal or dismantling, but the commander-in-chief of the CIS, Marshal Shaposhnikov, has admitted that "the treaty is practically not functioning".

In effect, he said, Russia controls the weapons, with the presidents concerned having a political but not technical veto on their use. Kiev has agreed in principle to abandon the weapons, but this is opposed by many Ukrainian nationalists. Moscow last week gave a general security guarantee to Ukraine in return for Kiev's agreement to ratify the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, but few Ukrainians take this seriously, since Russia is the only real military threat to Ukraine.

The CIS has defied predictions of its collapse, but has failed to prevent steep economic decline or ethnic conflicts around its periphery. The economic troubles have also led to calls for co-operation.

☐ **Rouble plunges:** Russian hyperinflation came closer yesterday as the rouble again plunged against the dollar. It reached 493 to one dollar at official rates, from 415 roubles three weeks ago. On Wednesday the cabinet decided to return to monetary policies.

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Suffering for your firm

Are Outward Bound-type courses pushing employees over the brink?

Twenty-four normally desk-bound executives are struggling painfully up a 2,500ft rock face in the Scottish Highlands in winds gusting up to 90 miles an hour. One man collapses while another, who has always feared heights, struggles to overcome his personal demons.

On the previous day, three hours after arriving in the wilds of Ardmore on the far north-west coast of Scotland, the 20 men and four women had been ordered to strip to their underwear and dive off a boat into the icy sea — regardless of whether they could swim.

It was a long way from the normal working life of these £25,000 to £50,000-a-year senior managers with Rockwater, an underwater engineering company based in Aberdeen. Rockwater is one of hundreds of British companies who send their employees on survival courses designed to test and strengthen their leadership, team spirit and communication skills.

Whether the physical and mental stresses involved are something employers should be able to inflict on their workforce was a question which bothered Sue Bourne, the television producer/director who filmed the Rockwater course last September at John Ridgway's Adventure School for a Channel 4 documentary. "I don't like people being pressured to do things," Ms Bourne says.

When Rockwater's project manager, Peter van Riel, turned down the offer of a place on the Ridgway course he was given "counselling" sessions by the company's UK general manager, Scott Lyons. Mr van Riel eventually agreed to go, but he told Ms Bourne, "this exercise in sadism is not for me. I've really been made to go".

Mr Lyons, a 39-year-old Canadian who has been on all the four courses the company has so far organised, admits to spending "a lot of time counselling individuals as to why it was important to go". He tells them: "Rockwater is a company with a mission to be the leader. As managers, you need to be tough, you need to be fit . . ."

The course, at Mr Lyons' instigation the toughest ever devised by Mr Ridgway, was geared towards taking the participants as near to breaking point as possible in order to "bond" them and discover their leadership potential. Mr Ridgway aims to give participants a "short, sharp shock" in the first 48 hours.

According to Claire Austin, the communications manager of the Institute of Management, care should be taken in suiting the course to the company and individuals involved. "There have been complaints in the past that some courses destroy people's confidence rather than bolster it," she says.

Eric Law, a 36-year-old welding engineer with Rockwater, suffered recurrent nightmares for two months after returning home from the Ridgway course, re-enacting his experiences on the top of the mountain and in the water when, confronted with swimming under the keel of a boat, he lost his nerve.

"It took me a long time to cope with normality again," he says.

Dr Bryan Tully, a chartered psychologist who works with companies on selection and training, is critical of putting people in leadership roles to which they may not be suited. "It's dangerous to make little corporals out of people in stressful situations they're not accustomed to and to manipulate that stress. They can find themselves acting in quite a brutal way which can perhaps cause distress to others.

"When something isn't obviously job-related, you're beginning to intrude on the rights of people not to be treated in a way they don't wish to be. It might reflect the idea of an employee being one step up from a serf as somebody you can request anything of."

Roy Harrison, the head of training policy for the Confederation of British Industry, has mixed feelings about the training courses. While describing them as a "useful dimension to people-development in companies at all levels", he recognises the potential danger "of people losing confidence and going back into the company with even less skills and leadership abilities than they started off with."

However well-meaning the company, it is sometimes difficult not to judge individuals by their performances in activities which may have nothing to do with their jobs. Marisa Russell, a senior sales engineer with Rockwater, says: "Swimming in freezing water at six o'clock every morning didn't necessarily make me a better person — just a colder person. But I think you would have been labelled a bit of a wimp if you hadn't gone."

Consultant psychotherapist Dr Frank Margison, an expert in post-traumatic stress disorder, is concerned about the "subtle coercion involved. Most of them don't know what they are letting themselves in for. People are put under techniques which can have traumatic effects. It's almost like pushing people to the brink to see if they can cope". However, he acknowledges that such courses can be "very constructive in breaking down people and getting them to reorganise. They often have beneficial effects on both teams and individuals".

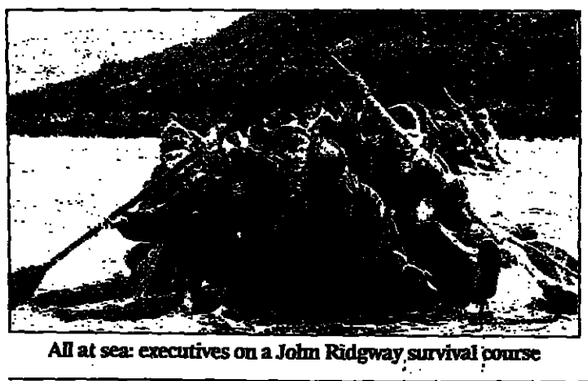
On the final day, ordered to swim ashore from a "sinking" boat, the entire group refused — an unprecedented experience for Mr Ridgway, who reacted by jumping overboard and swimming ashore in a sulk with his instructors. The Rockwater executives considered their rebellion to be a prime example of the teamwork which Mr Ridgway was trying to instil.

Mr Ridgway says: "What I'm trying to do is persuade them that whatever their view of themselves is, there is a lot more potential in them than they have tapped so far . . . There is no difference between them and me except what's in their head."

Mr van Riel sees it differently. "If you cross the Atlantic in a rowboat something has to be wrong with you. You either don't give a damn or you're a fool."

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All at sea: executives on a John Ridgway survival course

Was Dame Freya Stark, 100 this month, guilty of more than mere exaggeration? **Libby Purves** reports



Dame Freya Stark in her heyday: "She inspired a new generation of travellers, she wrote marvellous prose and was an extraordinary personality."

An explorer explored

As the month ends, the legendary traveller Dame Freya Stark will be 100 years old. She lives in her villa at Asolo, near Venice, and will know little about it: seven years ago her godson Malise Ruthven visited her. "We drove up into the hills, and as far as she was concerned we were in Afghanistan. But she still recited by heart long passages of Milton and Leopardi. Happily wandering."

Five years earlier Dame Freya had talked about age and death to another friend. "Waiting for death, my dear," she said, "is very like being in an old-fashioned steam train, setting out on a journey. You let down the window by a leather strap, and your friends are on the platform waving goodbye. And then the blasted train doesn't move."

It is important to know that Dame Freya's farewells, on a worldly level, have already been said and that she lives in a safe splendid Miltonic fog. Not only because it saves her the pain of news from present-day Iraq, but because next week an account of her life is published (*Freya Stark: a biography*, Hodder and Stoughton, £19.99) which — unlike almost every anecdote and article of the last 50 years — fails to glow with adoration. Its author, Molly Izzard, rather than throwing yet another mysterious Oriental veil of flattery over her subject, has chosen to whisk the whole lot off, examine the fabled Arabian journeys and the wartime intelligence work with a cool eye, and (while admitting the effect of Dame Freya's lifelong charm) remain immune to it herself. The legendary explorer is shown as more legend than explorer. The journeys were not remarkable; there was romantic exaggeration in some of her writing, and Dame Freya herself — that icon in flowing Arab robes — emerges as hypochondriac, manipulative and naive.

Some old friends are not happy with this rendering. Dame Freya's own publisher, John Murray, commissioned the biography but then could not bring himself to publish it. "Nobody should write a biography if they dislike the subject. She never met Freya in her prime. We don't doubt her facts: Freya had many failings. But she inspired a new generation of travellers, she wrote marvellous prose and was an extraordinary personality. You see, everything has two sides."

Mr Murray, the son of Jock Murray, who first discovered Freya Stark before the war, gropes for an example. "She'd demand that we send out a hip-bath to the Hadhramaut. It would cause endless trouble. Well, you can take that as exploitation, or you can see it as something that brought excitement to our monotonous life in London. She got people to do things. Once in Paris she wanted a hat by next day, and the milliner said 'Madame, the material has to come from Tours' — and Freya said 'There's a train tonight, isn't there?'. And she got her hat, and everybody was thrilled. Friends always speak of Freya with mingled adoration and frustration, but Molly Izzard only hears the frustration."

This is not entirely true. Mrs Izzard, herself 73 and a veteran of Middle Eastern life, has spent 13 years researching the book. "I wrote it on the housekeeping money," she says modestly. "It was like knitting." As her late husband's parrot chuckles hoarse Arabic curses in the corner of a Tunbridge Wells drawing-room, it is irresistible to see Mrs Izzard as Miss Marple: not unkind, but accusatory. "I was bored with all the best-friends anecdotes, all these people so thrilled to be associated with the Famous Explorer that they never asked what she actually explored. Hagiography is not me."

But she denies disliking her subject. "She enrages me at times, but all her friends say that. She was a great writer, and most of her awfulness is quite funny — she was 'a card' in the Edwardian term. I once said to her husband [there was an abortive middle-aged marriage to the homosexual Stewart Perowne] that Freya had made herself into a work of art. He roared and said 'Art? She was a force of nature!'."

Some aspects of Dame Freya were, Mrs Izzard says, unlikeable. "The way she treated servants, having a sewing-woman in Baghdad arrested and sacking a bearer for using her soap. But I am on her side really. I stopped work for a year when I started finding things out, thinking 'Why upset Jock Murray?' But my editor said 'Tell the truth'. So I did. Freya Stark as a writer deserves more than to be a lovable English eccentric for the chattering classes to dine out on."

She began as a liar. Her first doubts were aroused in 1960 when she persuaded her husband Ralph Izzard, a producer at the BBC, to make a film about the journey Freya Stark described in *The Valleys of the Assassins*. He returned with the remark that it was a touristic excursion even in 1930. Then in Bahrain the explorer and writer Wilfred Thesiger bad-temperedly told her that Miss Stark had achieved nothing beyond what "any moderately enterprising embassy secretary" could have managed.

> 'Freya Stark as a writer deserves more than to be a lovable English eccentric for the chattering classes to dine out on'

Even allowing for the notorious bitchiness of literary travellers, this was shocking; but gradually other sources confirmed to Mrs Izzard's satisfaction that in reality "Freya's achievement was more humanistic than scientific. She wrote charmingly of the people she encountered on her wanderings, and was the first to devote as much space to the domestic life of the women as to the more public life of the men". This, added to her famous descriptive prose, was real distinction.

But not enough. Freya lusted for the tag of explorer and expert. Thrilled by her Royal Geographical Society prize in 1933, she wrote joyfully that at last, in the colonial society of Baghdad, "the men who *do* things think of me as one of themselves". This mattered. She always worshipped the caste of clubland imperial heroes ("ADCs were her favourite animal" a friend observed) and was famous for monopolising husbands — albeit chastely — at the expense of their "boring memsahib wives". Among these comrades she promoted herself with considerable skill: the famous "first female war correspondent" scoop for *The Times* in 1932, on the Kurdistan uprising, was compiled miles from any war zone, with maps supplied by her military chums.

Mrs Izzard portrays some trips as a shambles: the time she got measles and hysterically medicated herself into collapse; the disastrous second journey to the Hadhramaut with the tough archaeologist Gertrude Caton Thompson which began with a quarrel because she had forgotten about the disruption of Ramadan, and ended with Freya flouncing off, perched under a sunshade on top of a baggage-animal, before collapsing again and being evacuated by car; her earlier failure to reach the hidden city of Shabwa and her furious jealousy that "a horrid, stunting German" got there first (a fact absent from her subsequent book).

Nor is the biographer very patient with Dame Freya's devotion to the British empire, which she called "the greatest miracle of history . . . we kept the peace of the world for a hundred years". Her wartime intelligence work, spreading pro-British propaganda, was valuable precisely because of this blind devotion, which makes a later generation uneasy: her godson, Mr Ruthven, recalls quarrelling with her over "the great imperial fantasy. I wouldn't agree with her that all anti-colonial movements were a bunch of hotheads." Silliness and poetry always lived together in the younger Freya: Molly Izzard tellingly juxtaposes lyrical letters home from Cairo in 1937 about the cranes flying south, "those lovely voices calling to each other in the moonlight spaces, flying over the desert", with her outbursts of gung-ho nonsense about "a fine good battle", "fireworks" and whatever Col "Whiffy" Jennings-Bramley said about strategy.

Affectionate godson though Mr Ruthven is, he accepts the biography. "Molly peels back the layers. It's a bit lopsided, perhaps, because she didn't know the sheer fun of Freya." Alexander Maitland (Thesiger's official biographer) is one of the generation of travel writers passionately inspired by Dame Freya, and also accepts the idea of demystification. "I thought of writing a biography myself, but it seemed to me that Freya is so feminine that a woman would get her better. For me, she was like a painter: she transformed experience by art. That's not falsifying, it's adding a dimension of philosophy and poetic feeling." Her reputation is as safe, he believes, as when ten years ago she stood beside him in Asolo and taught him how to look at mountains. "Your thoughts must go over the edge of the hill. That's what counts."

It is good to think that Freya Stark's thoughts have long gone over the hill, and that she will not read this biography. It is gratifying to remember how, on her 91st birthday, admirers in Asolo flew out the handsome band of the Blues and Royals to serenade her with suitable imperial vigour while she could still enjoy it. It is touching that John Murray would quite obviously send out another hipbath this minute if she demanded one. But above all, good to read her own best books again and hope that in extreme old age the images and sounds are still with her: of lands beyond the mountains, where the high, sweet voices of the cranes call for ever in the moonlight. She gave more pleasure than exasperation. Happy birthday to her.

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Chelsea will be among Friends

The Clintons back state schooling — but they are giving their daughter an expensive private education

Sidwell Friends School, in the smart suburban Tenleytown area of Washington, is situated high on a hill overlooking its own tennis courts and playing fields, and is ideal for guarding against gawpers. It was probably its secure position that partly influenced Bill and Hillary Clinton's decision to send their daughter, Chelsea, to Sidwell Friends, one of Washington's most exclusive and expensive private schools.

President Clinton, who has given political support to the public (state) education system, has been called a hypocrite for choosing a private school costing $10,400 (£6,750) a year for his only child. The outgoing Secretary of State for Education, Lamar Alexander — who noted with irony that Chelsea was taking the place vacated by his son — felt the move vindicated the Republican party's support for parental choice in education.

The previous Democratic president, Jimmy Carter, scored political points for sending his daughter Amy to a state school, but the children of the new vice-president, Al Gore, like those of his Republican predecessor Dan Quayle, attend private schools.

The *Washington Post* this week wondered why the Clintons had not considered Alice Deal Junior High, a "more diverse public school a mile away", said to be "a microcosm of the nation". But support for the Clintons' choice comes from surprising sources, including the American teachers' union leader Albert Shanker, who praised their decision as "taking a lot of courage".

The calm at the centre of this political storm is a primly-pillared Quaker school, founded by Thomas Sidwell in 1883. The well-behaved pupils (from pre-school to high-school age) who are dropped off by prosperous parents in Jeeps and Mercedes estate cars do community service in soup kitchens and day centres, retirement homes and — yes — public schools, where they tutor those less fortunate than themselves.

Kay Edstene, the executive director of the Friends Council, which supports 79 Friends schools across the United States (the majority in and around the Quaker bastion of Philadelphia) explains the philosophy that she believes attracted the Clintons. "At the core of Friends schools is the belief that there is 'that of God' in everyone — and that we all have equal access to truth."

While she considers that the 1,000-pupil school is fully integrated, it has come under criticism for having only a minority of non-white pupils.

Twenty per cent of its children are on some sort of financial aid to help them pay the fees. There is an entrance examination at which academic ability is assessed.

Chelsea, 12, is in eighth grade, having skipped a year at her Arkansas public school. Sidwell is said to be the only Washington school she and her mother Hillary visited. (Mrs Clinton's friend Marian Wright Edelman, the president of the Children's Defence Fund, for which Mrs Clinton worked for so long, sent her three children there.)

The early Friends schools were strong in science and "practical" studies, eschewing "frivolities" such as art, poetry and music. But that has changed, with Sidwell Friends offering everything from "jazz ensemble" and aerobics to pottery and print-making. It also has a mathematical, scientific, sociological and political programme, including calculus, "21st century biology", "peoples and cultures of the Islamic world", and "America in the 1960s".

When Chelsea enrols later this month she will participate weekly in a silent "meeting for worship". "During the meeting for worship students learn to listen to their own thoughts," the school's brochure explains. "If they wish, they may break the silence to share a personal belief or insight with others in the group."

Karen Simonson, a lawyer, credits her Sidwell education with getting her into Harvard university and, later, law school. "I was in the class of '72 — the first one to be [racially] integrated at kindergarten," she says. "We didn't do community service then — we were too busy going on peace marches, which the school didn't discourage." Sidwell had a "students to free South Africa" group and a chapter of Amnesty International, while most other schools stuck to chess clubs and sporting societies.

Some graduates go into Swarthmore College, which continues the Quaker tradition, but the doors of all the great American universities are open to them.

The only famous graduates of Friends schools Ms Edstene can think of are the actor Keir Dullea, the singer Bonnie Raitt and Steven Sondheim, who apparently wrote his first forgotten musical at school. "We have a lot of former pupils in medicine and the sciences," she says, "But for some reason we don't seem to graduate many politicians."

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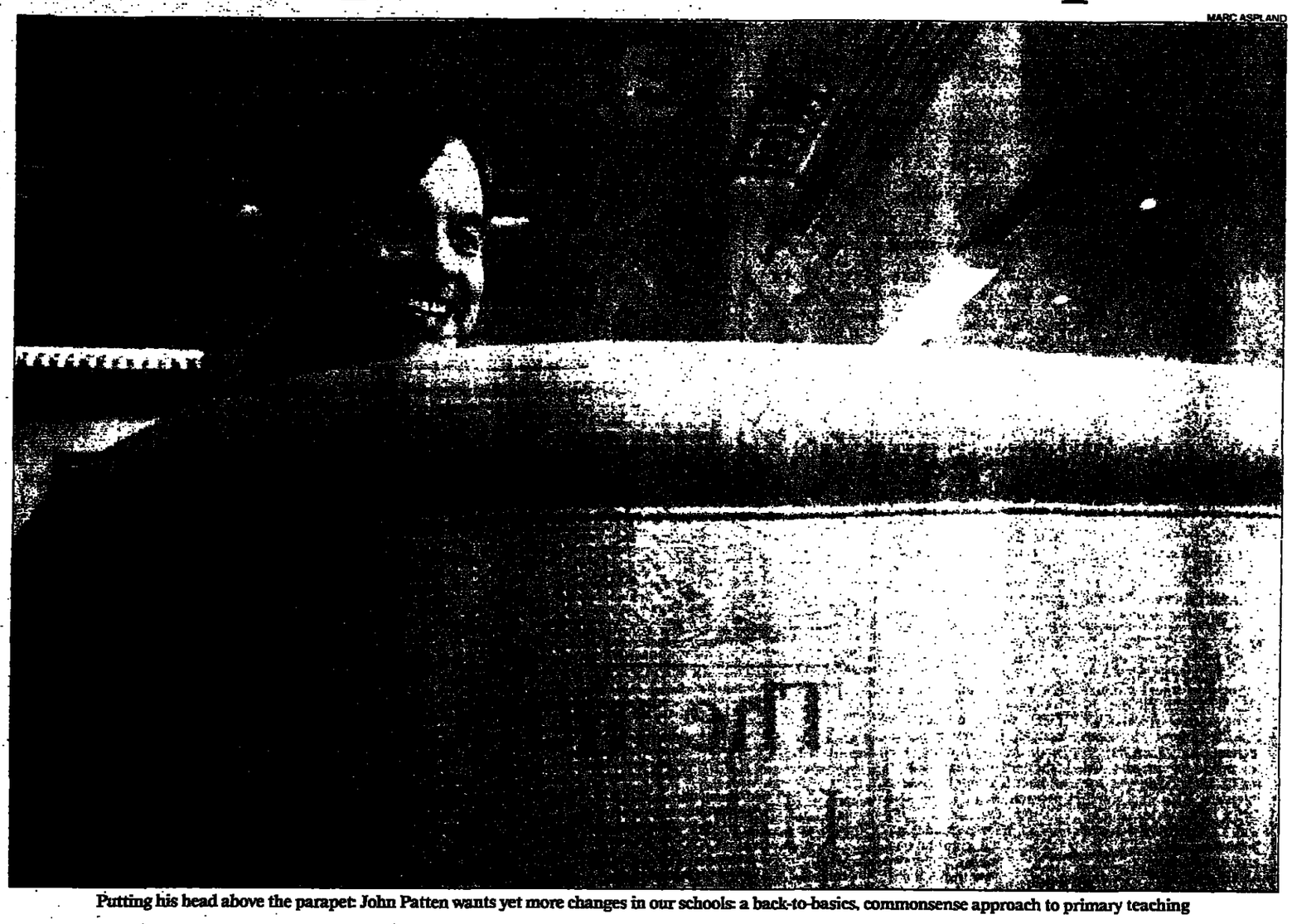


Secure and secluded: Sidwell Friends School

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White knight prepares to win his spurs

John Patten sees himself riding to the rescue of an ailing education system and its beleaguered teachers

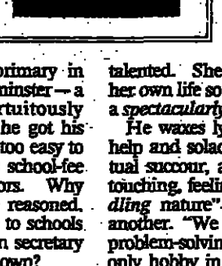

MARC ASPLAND

Putting his head above the parapet: John Patten wants yet more changes in our schools: a back-to-basics, commonsense approach to primary teaching

Like Bill Clinton, John Patten has God on his side and a photogenic small daughter at his knee. Mary Claire Patten, six, is our own Chelsea Clinton. Not only is she politically useful, but she sends her father into raptures. "She is so beautiful. I find her wonderful. I spend a lot of time gazing into her eyes." He was 42 when she was born. "It's terribly rejuvenating, better than monkey glands," he says.

"I am cruel to her," he adds. "I took the advice of the former Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, not to have a television set, which he said would destroy all learning and knowledge." So their London home is a television-free zone, and Mary Claire is obliged, when not being read to, to listen to her *Jennings* tapes.

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



She goes to a state school — actually a Roman Catholic primary in the diocese of Westminster — a commitment fortuitously made long before he got his present job. It was too easy to fling bricks at his school-fee paying predecessors. Why should anyone, he reasoned, send their children to schools where the education secretary would not send his own?

But to be the third meddlesome education secretary in three years is to confront a suspicious and hostile teaching profession. It fell to him this week to deliver the "back to basics" five-year plan for the primary curriculum. Parents among readers may be as weary as I am with such initiatives that anyone with half an eye could have suggested years ago. Of course the unwieldy national curriculum was unworkable. Of course teaching is more effective in sets of similar ability. Of course project work (eg on castles, including building a papier-mâché castle in the classroom) makes learning more amusing, but the old-fangled matter of mastering tables remains unavoidable. Most schools combine the two anyway.

But when a Tory education secretary gets prescriptive, the teachers (or their unions) bridle at being told how to teach. "Teaching is about learning and about resourcing," said one of their disaffected number on the Radio 4 programme *Today* on Tuesday.

Mr Patten does not, he protests, sit at his desk dreaming up wild-eyed schemes for the express irritation of teachers. But what was he to do, when the tests for seven-year-olds indicate that just under a third can't perform adequately in English or arithmetic, and his inspectors say that a third of lessons are "unsatisfactory" while we spend more on primary education than Germany or Japan? Is he to remain aloof and inert, as *The Daily Telegraph* only yesterday accused him of being?

He was himself educated by old-fashioned, ruler-tapping nuns in Leatherhead; then commuted daily the 20 miles to Wimbledon College, a Catholic grammar school where Mr Edney (geography) and R.J. Milward (history, and a stickler for spelling) steered him into Cambridge.

He took a PhD and became a don at Oxford, where he met his "child-bride" the smart and high-earning Louise, ten years his junior, of whom he is intensely proud. He says so several times in a flight of unabashed preening. "I am more and more in love with her after 14 extraordinary years," he sighs. Like many mothers in the real world she also works full time, as a partner in PA. He does not know what PA stands for, but it is an international firm of management consultants. "She is so hardworking, as hard working as me, and so talented. She *choreographs* her own life so well, and she is a *spectacularly* good mother."

He waxes lyrical about the help and solace, the "intellectual succour, and advice of a touching, feeling, *people-handling* nature" they give one another. "We are both in a problem-solving world." His only hobby in *Who's Who* is "talking to my wife".

The John Pattens are close friends with the Chris Pattens. "Neither Chris nor I had a brother, only a sister each. We are exactly the same age. So we fell on each other's necks and decided to be blood brothers. He is godfather to Mary Claire and I am godfather to his youngest, Alice. We take holidays together. I *hate* him being so far away. But it has recruited me to the art of letter writing, a lost art in this telephone age. It's very good to have to compose what one wants to say. I wrote him a very, very long letter about life's ups and downs, during a cabinet meeting in the week the Hang Seng went down."

He knows that teachers (average pay £20,630 — "not beyond the bounds of avarice", he acknowledges, "but better than it was") have had a rough time since 1988, embracing all the Baker changes and tests while getting all the flak.

"It's quite an emotional business, teaching," he muses, though he only ever taught one-to-one at Oxford, not unruly classes of 35. "They work so hard and their job is often almost impossible." Which brings him to the problem of the criminal adolescent boy, and the question of moral leadership in a godless world, a task Mr Patten embraces with enthusiasm. Though he most enjoyed writing about collecting classic Bristol cars in *The Spectator*, his more famous outpouring was his hellfire piece entitled "There is a choice: good or evil" which began, "I believe in God. I worry about Him. I think that He probably worries about me". He invoked redemption and damnation, and the need to instil values about caring and consideration for others and their property, in children as young as Mary Claire.

As the *Observer* pointed out at the time, if we all waited for Christian values to make a comeback — without addressing the causes of violence — we would all be murdered in our beds. But Mr Patten does not shy away from "the P-word" (prayer). Nor from concluding that people "choose to be bad". "I socked it to Brian Redhead once — I'm a great fan of his — and I think that's why he's decided to go into the church.

"But it doesn't have to have a religious element. I feel much closer sometimes to humanists like Sir Hermann Bondi [the Viennese-born mathematician at Churchill College] who does not believe in any sort of God but passionately believes in the values I described: I would rather go into the spiritual jungle with Hermann than with any number of Christian people who shall remain nameless."

His faith in the Tory reforms enables him to conjure up idyllic communities where comprehensive schools offer various specialities. "Pimlico Comprehensive selects, you know, isn't that daring for a comprehensive? a small number of pupils with an aptitude for music." Schools might specialise in academic subjects, technical matters, even Greek and Latin. Such a choice sounds fine, but how do you revert to a state which has irrevocably gone? *As The Times* asked, where will teachers come from, who were not themselves taught in that way, to teach in the old way? Who will teach the teachers?

"There are no bad teachers," he says. "Only bad educational advisers, bad local education authorities and sometimes bad teacher training institutions." He had been "profoundly depressed" at a teacher training college to meet a student who when he asked what she had learnt, told him (he adopts her flat vowels) "Morale's very bad in the profession" and spoke of "gender equalisation". "She meant something very good and useful, which is how to persuade girls to do science, but why was it dressed up in this claptrap jargon? Yes, teacher training is very much on my agenda," he says. How about older people with unused talents and expertise being called upon? "Such an amendment is already being drafted in," he says, waving before me the fat, grey education bill, "the longest in history with 255 clauses". Then with a flash of spurs, he adds: "I am here, riding to the rescue — more announcements later."

Teachers complain that he shies away from addressing their conferences. He says he would rather talk with them than at them from platforms. He will be addressing the secondary heads in April. He had lunched with 30 teachers last Friday. He listed the schools he was visiting, eg the Archbishop Blanch School in Toxteth next week: a fact-finding mission to discover why it is doing so well. "All that hack 1960s sociological thinking — 'we can't educate children in that sort of area, we can only mind them' — just writes them off. You have to ask questions about the good performers in difficult areas, and also about the low performers in the leafy glades."

He said he has had "depressingly few" letters about quality of education; only letters complaining that a child cannot get into a particular school. He wants to incite discussion. It is music to his ears. Why don't people feel they own state education as they feel they own the health service? They ought to discuss opting out, and league tables of exam results, mistakes and all (this year they will include extra details such as truancy rates) and the Shakespeare tests, and the anthology for 14-year-olds. "At least that anthology made people sit up and have what Mary Claire would call a good argue. Were there enough women on the list? Enough modern writers? was Derek Walcott good or bad? [Good, he had found.] It makes education real to a much larger number of people. It breaks down the bureaucratic, inward-looking secret garden of education."

Mr Patten's father was a jobbing gardener who left school at 14. "But he had beautiful handwriting, he read voraciously, and could whizz through *The Times* crossword" — providing a *Jude the Obscure* social mobility for his son which has all but disappeared. "Has it?" Mr Patten asked.

A final question. Mr Patten says he is keen on grammar. So am I. On Radio 4 recently, Sir David Steel said he had heard President Clinton saying "what is happening to you and I". "Immediately I thought less of him," Sir David said. "Hadn't anyone taught this Rhodes scholar any grammar?" On Wednesday this week Lady Thatcher, eulogising George Bush on *The World at One*, also used the giveaway solecism: "Mr Bush came over and stayed with Denis and I at Chequers."

What is the point. I asked the education secretary, of teaching our children to speak correctly in a world whose leaders (Oxford graduates both) cannot grasp the simple primary-school grammatical rule about the accusative pronoun "me"? Fearless Mr Patten's lips were suddenly sealed, in the interest of Anglo-American and Patten-Thatcher relations. But you can see what the beleaguered teacher is up against.

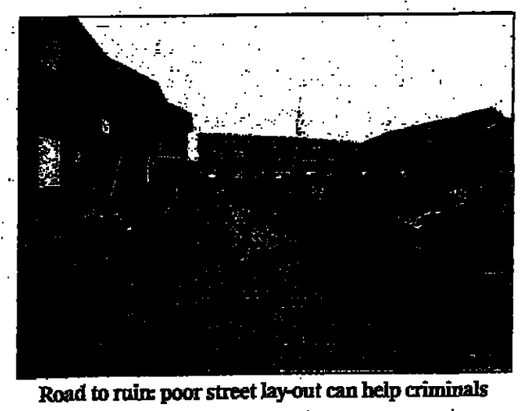
Crime in areas such as Moss Side may be discouraged by better designs

A way out of dead ends

After decades of campaigning about the impact of the design of council estates on crime, Professor Alice Coleman, of King's College, London, may finally be preaching to the converted. Next week, she will travel to Manchester to talk to city councillors and inner city regeneration experts about what can be done to reduce crime on Moss Side where, last month, 14-year-old John Benjamin Stanley was shot at close range in a takeaway shop.

The back alleys and cul-de-sacs on the Alexandra Park and Monsall estates on Moss Side allow drug gangs to offload their goods and exit quickly. Now plans are underway to destroy the rat runs and replace them with terraced houses with gardens. The hope is that this new urban layout could reduce lawlessness.

In her book, *Utopia on Trial*, published in 1985, Dr Coleman postulates a link between the physical design of modern housing estates and vandalism, child crime, graffiti, litter, general squalor and delinquency. Her most significant convert was Margaret Thatcher, who authorised a £50 million project to test out the Coleman thesis on seven selected estates in the north-west of England, the Midlands and in London.



Road to ruin: poor street lay-out can help criminals

Others remain sceptical, meanwhile. The environment department will reserve judgment until an evaluation by Price Waterhouse of the seven Coleman schemes is published at the end of this year.

Civil service scepticism results from what the environment department sees as a lack of proof that Dr Coleman's ideas work in practice. She offers the evidence of the seven housing estates which have recently been improved along the lines she has suggested. Known as "Dice schemes" (Design Improvement Controlled Experiments), their aim is to show that the effects of deleterious design can be reversed.

The first Dice scheme has just been completed on the Rogers Estate in Tower Hamlets, east London. Two five-storey blocks, both E-shaped minus the central stroke, jointly contain 120 flats. Both look like new developments, yet these blocks were identified by Dice, from among thousands of estates, as among the worst in Britain. A plethora of entrances made the blocks a convenient short-cut and a target for petty criminals.

The £4 million solution has been to reduce the anonymity of the homes. All 20 ground-floor flats have been given individual entrances and gardens.

A new lift, with a glass front, has been installed and the blocks themselves have been sub-divided, reducing access to only two or three dwellings on each corridor.

Eighty-one per cent of the tenants voted in favour of the scheme in 1991, and more have been converted since.

Many of the ideas now in operation in Tower Hamlets could be tried out in Moss Side. Clare Nangle, the deputy chairman of Manchester council's housing committee, says: "By and large we accept Dr Coleman's principles. We believe in defensible space and straight roads, and we are building them into plans for Moss Side."

The official seal of approval will only be given to Dr Coleman's work, however, if the Price Waterhouse report substantiates her claims.

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Janet Daley



■ What possible purpose can be served by banning an interview with the serial killer Dennis Nilsen?

If you were offered a vicarious meeting with a serial killer through the medium of television, would you take it? If so, should you be ashamed of this inclination? Is the film-maker who makes possible such an encounter doing something shameful? These questions deserve to be discussed, not just in the interests of more provocative television, but because they entail the much larger question of who decides what we have a right to be curious about. If the Home Office has its way, the debate will be settled by fiat.

In the course of making a documentary which no one accuses of being frivolous or essentially prurient, Central Television has recorded an interview with Dennis Nilsen in which he talks about his monstrous crimes — the murder and dismemberment of over a dozen victims — with the detachment which is typical of his type of murderer. The home secretary has taken out an injunction to prevent the public broadcasting of the interview. This, the Home Office says, is in keeping with its established policy of forbidding media exposure to those on life sentences.

In the great tradition of British governing institutions, the ministry offers little by way of argument for this policy except to say that there is a danger of distress to the families of victims. Pressed further, they also object to convicted killers being given a platform which might allow them to protest their innocence. Nilsen most definitely does not do this: on the contrary, he describes his crimes willingly and without remorse, which makes the interview more susceptible to the first objection but not at all liable to the second.

But families who are visited by tragedy must be exposed by the media to constant distressing reminders of their particular grief. The "health warnings" which are offered before disturbing programmes of any kind are there specifically to warn off those whose personal traumas make them particularly vulnerable: parents who have lost children, or the recently bereaved. May not the families of Nilsen's victims be trusted to make their own judgments about whether they wish to avoid this programme? For that matter, may not the rest of us be trusted to decide whether there is anything to be learnt by seeing a man who represents the darkest possible side of human experience?

What may, in fact, be learnt is that the most remarkable thing about homicidal maniacs is how unremarkable they are in most of their everyday encounters. All the journalistic clichés about the perfectly ordinary, polite neighbour who kept himself to himself would prove demonstrably true.

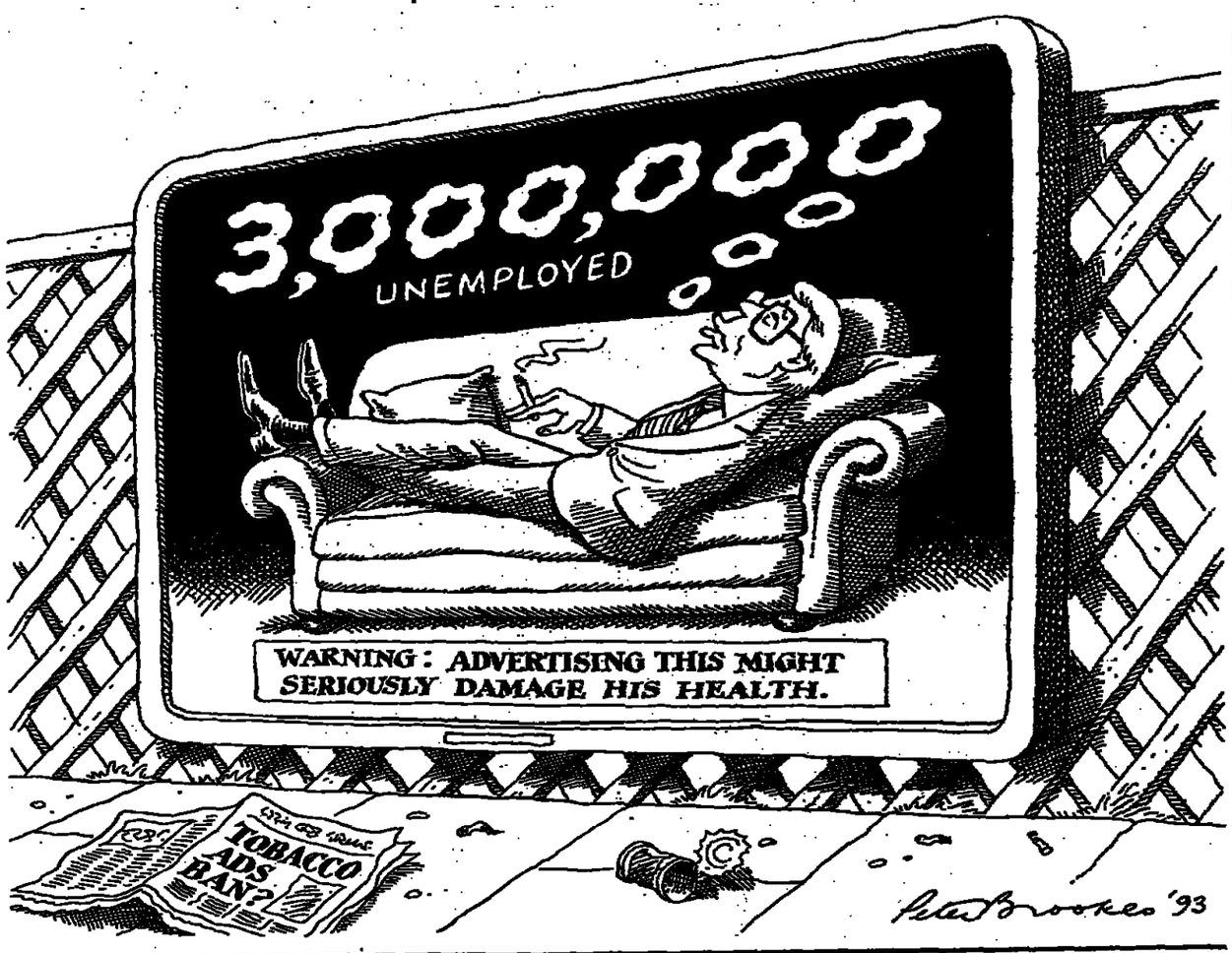
The Home Office clearly feels that any desire to see such a man (or, more importantly, to listen to what he says) must be unedifying — morbid curiosity at best, imitative fascination at worst. But is curiosity about the extremes of human evil unwholesome? Examining forms of depravity has preoccupied all religions and mythologies. Secular rationalism, in the form of psychology, feels compelled to catalogue and account for the most deviant behaviour even though its explanations are deeply unsatisfying: acts which are so abnormal as to be incomprehensible to most people are simply labelled psychopathic, which is another word for inexplicable.

In the United States, television interviews with prisoners on death row are commonplace. To prohibit them would be seen as denying freedom of expression: the imprisonment of criminals may deprive them of their freedom but it does not rob them of all civil liberties. Free speech being one of the most fundamental constitutional rights, American law insists that it can be limited only under the most extraordinary circumstances. In Britain, as often as not, one must make a case for allowing rather than disallowing the speech of certain people. So the Home Office feels it is justified in asking what possible good could be served by hearing what a man like Nilsen has to say, rather than having to defend its own refusal to let him be heard. And because the argument is always conducted that way round, Whitehall mandarins are not automatically called to account for their pronouncements.

> Is curiosity about the extremes of human evil unhealthy?

And because the burden of proof is always with those who are demanding more information, those who are withholding it are never forced to set out the criteria by which they make their decisions. Who exactly is it who formulates and enforces policy on interviews like this and on what basis? The fear of upsetting some people surely cannot be enough to rule out all public exposure of convicted criminals. Without a formula (like a constitutional right of free speech) for conducting discussion of particular cases, we are forced to fight on the mandarins' chosen ground: to make a case for hearing Nilsen instead of demanding good reasons why we should not.

Is it simply a question of taste? If so, whose? Those who are worried about prurience never seem to realise that it is the other side of the same coin as paternalistic secrecy. Treating people like children only locks them into permanently benighted immaturity.



The moneylenders' folly

Why should customers have to pay for mistakes made by blundering bankers?

Bernard Levin

Hard men, our headline writers; oh, clever, I grant you, but hard, hard. Even I winced when I saw a headline across six columns and at the top of the page, reading "Wimpey prepares the ground for loss", over an item announcing that Sir John Quinton had just become chairman of that company. (He did look immensely pleased with himself over 32 square inches of photograph, I must say.)

He had become number one in Wimpey somewhat less than a week after he ceased to be chairman of Barclays Bank. Uncouth people will, I suppose, wink, snort, even spit, but what is the alternative — surely we wouldn't want him to starve, would we? *Loud cries of "Yes", Definitely", "Why ever not?", "Sooner the better", and "What a frightfully good idea", all coming from the shareholders and customers, if any.*

There are, surprisingly, lots of customers, but only because all the four high street banks are equally dreadful. (Whichever you patronise, have you *ever* had a standing order that the bank got right?) But the most extraordinary quality of the banks is that though they know we hate them, they truly do not know why. Well, here are two published letters, which they must have seen, and presumably ignored, because if they had taken the two letters to heart they *would* understand our attitude to them.

The first appeared in *The Times*, and concerned the Midland; the other was in *The Daily Telegraph*, and was about Barclays. The first correspondent, in deliciously ironic tones, wanted to know what his bank charges were for, and was told that they were for "costs incurred by the bank".

"I then, I thought reasonably, asked for a breakdown of those costs. The branch manager replied that he was not privy to such information. A letter to the chairman [of the Midland] elicited a reply ... that it was not the bank's policy to impart the information."

This hero had received, as we all did in one form or another, the banks' absurd Magna Carta, consisting of sonorous but wholly meaningless promises (rather like Magna Carta itself, now I come to think of it, not least because King John broke all his vows within a week of signing). But our Midland correspondent ploughed on. He asked the managing director for the information, and was told:

"... that the bank was not required to give me the information. I further asked for a reassurance that since ... the charges were levied to cover costs, it was reasonable for me to assume that no element of profit to the bank nor penalty upon me was contained within them. All three [manager, chairman and managing director] are, it seems, unable to follow my logic, since all have ignored the question altogether."

The Barclays writer, in *The Daily Telegraph*, eschewed irony for bluntness. He had been to Venezuela and returned with some unused Venezuelan banknotes:

"... the bank ... said, 'We do not accept notes of that denomination.' I told them they were the same notes they had sold me, and they replied that they sold them but would not buy them. When I made a scene they did buy them. It seems the only way these days to get a reasonable response from Barclays."

Midland and Barclays are found wanting; but the NatWest, too, should take the satisfied grin off its face. Caught out claiming that they had passed on the whole of the benefits accruing when base rate fell, they were shown to have done no such thing. And just take a moment to digest the NatWest's latest tariff, though don't kid yourselves that the other banks are any more user-friendly. The mulcting starts with what a small business must now pay to keep its account alive; the sum demanded is £7 a quarter — no great sum, but it represents an arbitrary increase of 17 per cent; if customers want to withdraw money from a different branch, they must pay an extra 20 per cent on the charge; if someone wants to know that a cheque has safely arrived and been paid in, Dick NatWest Turpin will answer the question, at a cost of £11. 10 per cent higher than the last hike. No wonder that the banking ombudsman has joined in: he has just recorded a massive 60 per cent increase in complaints.

And what about me? I have recently received a document from my bank, headed "Advance Notification of Charges", a suspect phrase: they stoutly deny any imminent increases, and I accept their vow, but it will do no harm to keep an eye on them, not least because Barclays has just told me, in stern terms, that the sum of £0.00 will shortly be debited from my account. (Help yourself, chaps, but tell your computer to take more water with it next time.)

We have been hearing, more and more loudly, the hums and hems which denote, in the words of the Second Witch, "By the pricking in my thumbs/Something wicked this way comes." What is coming is the levying of imposts on accounts which are healthily in the black and show no sign of slipping into the red. The banks are deploying the argument that they also used to defend making the customers pay for the card: that they were incurring costs from "inert" accounts, and getting nothing in return. (They are much less eager to announce that they get stupendous sums of money from their slice of every credit-card transaction.)

The murmurings and winks will all too soon shortly turn into reality; the banks will hammer the thrifty as well as the feckless, knowing that all the Big Four will be doing the same, so there will be nowhere to go, as was the case with the credit-card scam. (If you like, you can believe that they don't get together on such matters. Happily, there is no actual *need* to believe it).

Why *are* our banks so bad? Only a week or two ago, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, in a speech to bankers in Scotland, gave an answer to that question, and a dazzling and original answer it was: he said that "Mistakes in economic policy in the 1980s were a significant cause of the huge losses now being suffered by the country's banks." A man who can see so quickly into the heart of a problem is to be treasured; I wouldn't be surprised if he fetched up as governor of the Bank of England one of these days.

The last giant mess from Barclays was, experts assure me, a record in its class. That was the Imry collapse, which left Barclays to "write off" no less than £240 million. (Have you *ever stopped to think* what that delightful phrase "write off" actually means? It means that somebody important ought to be sacked but isn't because he is somebody's brother-in-law.) As you would expect, all the Barclays top brass are pointing the finger at each other; well, even I, were I to mislay 240 million quid, would like to find out who caused it. But I was taught, and have always believed, that the man who carries the can back is the man at the top.

Which comes back to Sir John Quinton. Whoever were the clowns who failed to notice that Imry was going smash (and assuredly none of them is going to own up), Sir John, as head, must take responsibility, the very *same principle that I* was rabbiting on about last Friday in the wake of the British Airways disgrace. But what does responsibility mean in this context?

I do not propose that Sir John should raid his piggy-bank for what amounts to nearly a quarter of a billion. No doubt the shortfall will be alleviated by the next rise in charges (for Barclays' promise cannot mean that they are *never* going to put up the rates); but my question is: why should I pay even a penny for Sir John Quinton's stewardship of Barclays throughout the Imry catastrophe? For I can hardly believe that he walked away from the old shop without any kind of farewell *douceur*, call it recognition of his services, call it a golden handshake, call it perhaps just his pension, which must be pretty substantial by now, so he *won't* starve.

Why should he get anything? He did not cause the Imry catastrophe, but he was the man who presided over it while it was happening; are his former customers to pay him for doing so? He may say that such an action would create a terrible precedent; if the people who run the banks could actually be called to account by their customers for the way they ran them, the whole world of banking would collapse at once, and wolves, even alligators, would be commonplace in Oxford Street.

Perhaps they would; perhaps, indeed, they should. A less alarming solution, perhaps, would be for Sir John Quinton, and all the people who run all the banks, to be Written Off.

Paying the price of justice

Lord Mackay on his reforms for an outdated system

Unless the legal aid system changes, it will collapse under the weight of its ever increasing cost. Five years ago, we spent £475 million on legal aid. This year, it will be about £1,100 million. The number of people helped has risen from 2.3 million to 3.1 million over the same period. Thus the number helped has risen by just over a third in the last five years, but the cost has more than doubled.

Institutions are frequently slow to change. This is particularly true of the law. Much of the present legal aid system would be entirely familiar to Lord Rushcliffe, whose report led to the 1949 Act which set legal aid on a statutory basis. The scheme was administered until 1989 by the Law Society, the solicitors' own professional body. Its objective was to place those who could not afford to pursue cases in the courts in as near as possible the same position as private clients, and for lawyers to be paid as if the cases were being funded by the clients themselves.

Today, more than 136,000 people appearing before the Crown Court receive legal aid. Some 230,000 people a year receive legal advice and assistance for matrimonial matters, which must mean that at least one party in a very high proportion of the 160,000 divorces a year is helped by the scheme. This illustrates how its position within the legal system has changed over the years. For many lawyers, for many types of work, the legal aid which their clients receive is their main source of income; and as the ultimate paymaster, the government has a responsibility to control legal aid's spiralling budget.

My immediate plans for legal aid will require some people to pay more. But contributions will continue to be set only after a full assessment of the person's disposable income (the income that remains after essential living expenses have been accounted for). Here, as elsewhere, people must consider their priorities, and in particular whether proceeding with litigation, with its inevitably uncertain outcome, takes precedence over other financial demands and other ways of dealing with the problem they face.

From April, some people will cease to qualify for civil legal aid and advice and assistance with a contribution. But nearly half the households in England and Wales will continue to be eligible. Over the next three years, the number of people helped is forecast to increase by over 20 per cent, and overall expenditure to increase by about 10 per cent each year on average.

Efficiency and quality are the measures of success of the scheme. In too many areas of legal aid work lawyers are still paid by the hour, a system which dates back even to before 1949. It is an arrangement which positively encourages the inefficient. The normal basis for paying lawyers for legal aid work must become a standardised fee, set at a level which will attract enough lawyers of the appropriate quality to do legal aid work.

Firms doing legal aid should have to demonstrate that they are providing a proper service. The Legal Aid Board is well advanced in developing a system for accrediting such firms. Those who satisfy the necessary criteria will undoubtedly have a significant competitive edge.

Too many these may seem marginal adjustments. But they pave the way for new ways of delivering publicly-funded legal services. For the future, I expect to see the Legal Aid Board offering contracts to accredited firms of solicitors for undertaking blocks of cases following competitive tendering. In the largest cases, which could not be covered by a fixed-price contract, fees and rates will be negotiated in advance in ways which allow firms to compete for work. Firms offered a block contract will probably seek an assured volume of cases, and this may require some restriction on the number of firms offering legal aid. I can envisage that, in some areas and for some types of work, only accredited firms which give an assured standard of service might be eligible to do legal aid cases.

Beyond legal aid, legal expenses insurance may well become more widespread; and we shall need to assess the impact of the introduction of conditional fees. In the course of this year, I intend to begin to dismantle the current prohibition on these fees for certain types of work, allowing solicitors to be paid the normal fee plus a mark-up if their client wins, but nothing if he loses. These arrangements could provide an attractive alternative for those seeking redress in civil cases.

Change is sometimes painful, but it forces us to focus on what is really necessary. Legal aid in the 1990s must be made more affordable and be directed towards those whose need is greatest. Those who are able should pay what they reasonably can towards the cost, while the ways in which we pay lawyers must encourage them to act efficiently.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern has been Lord Chancellor since 1987.

What the Tories saw

ROLL up, roll up for the hottest show in town. The Palace of Westminster is about to stage its first hard core pornography film show. An explicit compilation tape from Red Hot Dutch, the unauthorised European satellite channel, is to be broadcast in a Commons committee room on Tuesday night.

The tape will be shown to the Tory parliamentary party media group which is open to all Tory MPs, ministers and peers. Suffice to say, the organisers are expecting a rather better turnout than the dozen or so MPs and peers who normally attend their sessions.

But the film show very nearly never happened. As the Diary reported last month, the heritage department insisted it could not provide any "Red Hot" footage, while the Independent Television Commission would not say whether it had a copy or not. But now the ITC, which has already branded Red Hot Dutch "an affront to standards of good taste and decency", has come up with the goods for Michael Fabricant, the media group vice-chairman. David Glencross, chief executive of ITC, will be on hand to address the meeting and to ensure the tape's safe return.

Fabricant, a former television news and current affairs producer, adds: "There has been a great debate about whether Red Hot Dutch is offensive or not. MPs cannot talk about it or make any judgments unless they have the chance to see it for themselves. That is why we have arranged the showing with the ITC."

Fabricant says Tuesday night could well see a long queue outside committee room 19. "I know that honourable members and some elderly peers have expressed an interest in when the next committee meeting is being held."

But one peer definitely not attending will be Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, who despite his seat on the cross-benches would have been more than welcome. Rees-Mogg has already seen enough of Red Hot Dutch, in his official capacity, to want a repeat.

"You would only ever watch it out of duty. It is hard core porn. All the men and women who have seen it on the BSC felt the same kind of revulsion," he says. But he supports the idea of MPs seeing for themselves. "People in their position, or our position, cannot discharge their responsibilities properly without seeing it." It's a tough job ...

Porn again

IN THE Netherlands, however, they take a more relaxed view of such matters. Last week the 860 Dutch soldiers serving in Bosnia received a truckload of Dutch *Playboy*. The publishers provided one free copy for every soldier. Transport from Holland, however, was paid by the Dutch government.

Opposition parties are incensed. This week the minority Political Reform Party tabled a question asking why the government had made the move. Its spokesman Menno De Bruéne says: "Such a magazine should not be sent to soldiers in Yugoslavia. The morale of the troops should not be dependent on magazines like this."

The government would not comment yesterday but has three weeks to reply to the question. Meanwhile opposition pressure is building. Frans Weisglas, foreign affairs spokesman for the Liberal Party, the main opposition party, says: "It is a waste of money. If they had to send something they should have sent a newspaper or a Dutch magazine. If they really need *Playboy* they should get their fathers to send it, not the government."

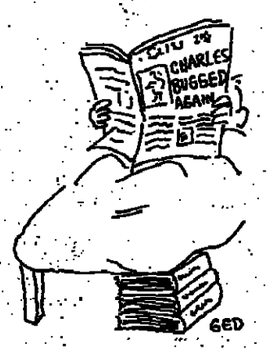
● *As the Diary suggested last month, John Tusa, the former managing director of the BBC World Service, is to become the first "non-academic" president of Wolfson College, Cambridge. Tusa, who has a first-class degree in history from Trinity, will combine his new role with that of presenting The One O'Clock News on BBC 1. Despite his prolonged absence from academic circles, Tusa denies that he has asked for high table to be fitted with an Autocue.*

Nuts about Armand

THE Prince of Wales is not a man to waste sick leave and has taken his spell in the Sandringham sun as an opportunity to catch up with some reading. But his choice of material — the biography of his old friend and benefactor Armand Hammer — is unlikely to speed his recovery. For *The Dark Side of Power* by Carl Blumay and Henry Edwards, is hardly flattering about his friend, the former head of Occidental Petroleum.

Painful as it might be, one could understand why the prince wanted to discover for himself what has been written about Hammer. But why, one wonders, has he asked for three copies? Waterstone's in Harrods were rather surprised by the bulk order, which arrived this week, but they met it after the publishers, Simon & Schuster, biked round a fresh supply.

The prince's role in the biography is not entirely flattering. Blumay alleges that he was so taken in by the late tycoon's *largesse*, some $14 million's worth, that he wanted to make him godfather to Prince William — a move, says Blumay, quashed only by the Queen Mother. "The prince was the means by which Hammer intended to get his knighthood," says Blumay from California, the only one of Hammer's confidants who omitted to sign a vow of silence. "He thought he could do it by donating vast sums to the prince's favourite charities."



Blumay, however, cannot work out why Prince Charles should want three copies of the book. "There's *nothing* in it that's remotely derogatory," he says, although admitting: "Hammer's charm did work beautifully with the prince."

● *India may have won the second one-day cricket match, but there is still everything to play for in British Gas's Indian Chef of the Year competition, according to Simon Morris, chef at the Grafton Manor Hotel, Bromsgrove. Morris has beaten more than 1,000 contestants to get to the last eight of the contest, which reaches its final stages in Edinburgh next month. The question is — will the umpires pick the wrong 'un?*

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Paying the price of justice

Lord Mackay on his reforms for an outdated system

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END THE SLUMP

Interest rates must be cut and cut again

John Smith said yesterday that the nation was "tired of feeble and lame excuses" for the ineluctable rise of unemployment and the interminable recession. For once he was speaking with the authentic voice of Britain — a voice that John Major, Norman Lamont and their unworldly economic advisors in the Treasury and the Bank of England have ignored for too long.

The economic statistics published in the past two days, not only on unemployment, but also on retail sales and manufacturing production, were horrifying. It is not good enough for Mr Major to say, as he did yesterday in parliament, that the statistics were "deeply depressing", and that the government "wished" to see unemployment fall. A prime minister is not elected to make wishes and then wait for a fairy godmother. He is expected to act so that his wishes have a chance of being realised.

That was what the Treasury assured Mr Major it would do in November's Autumn Statement. But the latest figures have clearly demonstrated what most independent economists, industrialists and commentators felt in their bones two months ago: that the Treasury was still misjudging the state of the economy, just as it had before Black Wednesday; and that the Chancellor should have taken more dramatic stimulatory measures on November 12.

There can, of course, be quirks and inconsistencies in any single set of statistics. But when every statistical indicator is pointing in the same direction and when that direction is clearly labelled "danger", it is not the time to quibble about seasonal adjustments and three-month moving averages. It is time to turn the ship of state without delay.

Judged by what we now know about the state of the economy before Christmas, the Autumn Statement's promises about "infrastructure investment", backed up by a small interest rate cut, were not enough. To restore confidence among businessmen, consumers and homeowners after three years of economic mismanagement, bolder action was needed and is needed still.

As Mr Smith said yesterday, the country is tired of the government "blaming everyone in the world but yourselves". A public recognition by the government of its economic responsibilities would offer some reassurance that the Treasury will take action to stimulate the economy and continue to take such action, until the recession is clearly over and the recovery is secure.

Deciding what action to take would be surprisingly simple, if only the government would recognise where its responsibilities lay. As the CBI said in its unusually outspoken pre-budget submission yesterday, the Chancellor could do no better than accept the advice he was offered before the Autumn Statement, not only by the CBI, *The Times* and many other commentators, but also by six of the Seven Wise men on the Treasury's new economic panel. He should cut interest rates immediately to six per cent. And if there is still no clear evidence of economic growth by March 16, when Mr Lamont presents his Budget, he should cut interest rates again — to five per cent, four per cent, or whatever level is necssary to trigger a turnaround in confidence, housing and consumer demand. The time to worry about inflation, the public sector borrowing requirement and the trade deficit will be after the recession has ended and the recovery is securely under way.

Nobody can know for certain what level of interest rates will be needed to trigger an economic recovery. But experience suggests an infallible rule of thumb which the prime minister should take to heart. If Mr Lamont holds one view, while the business community and the City hold another, then the Chancellor and his Treasury advisers are almost certainly wrong.

THE DANGERS OF ABROAD

John Major's trip to India is badly timed

When George Bush flew to Japan while his country was in the grip of recession, it marked the beginning of the end of his political career. True, the sight of him vomiting in the lap of the Japanese prime minister hardly helped him to project the image of a man in mastery of his actions. But the main complaint was that the trip symbolised his neglect of domestic issues at a time when his electorate was thinking of nothing else.

Tomorrow John Major sets off for India and Oman. As yesterday's economic figures showed, the recession is still with us, if anything worsening. Michael Heseltine has reached a critical stage in his agonising over the future of the coal industry. The rail privatisation bill, one of the government's most contentious policy programmes, is to be unveiled today. Meanwhile, anything could happen in Iraq, and Mr Major will be in the most inconvenient possible time zone for consultation with America.

It is unusual for the prime minister to travel abroad while the House of Commons is sitting, except for unavoidable meetings of, say, the EC or G7. It seems particularly odd now, when his popularity is not far off an all-time low and his government is stumbling from one mishap to another. Had Mr Major intended to watch the Test match, his visit might have been more understandable, and the voters more sympathetic. But he has no sporting plans. He is not even going to see the Taj Mahal, which puts paid to photo-opportunities of lonely contemplation in adversity.

Mr Major is the first British prime minister to be invited as chief guest for India's Republic Day. This is undoubtedly an honour. But excuses could have been made gracefully, given that Parliament is sitting and the prime minister has much to do. In the scale of current international priorities India must run a poor sixth to Iraq, Bosnia, the EC, America and Somalia.

Mr Major is supposed to be arguing the cause of British exports and, to this end, is ferrying a group of senior industrialists to the country in his private plane. This smacks more of gimmickry than substance. India is Britain's 20th largest export market and the cause of British industry would be better served by lower interest rates than anything else. If a politician were truly needed to back them, why not Mr Heseltine himself, who loves nothing better than intervention, preferably before breakfast?

It is a sign of the irrelevance of this trip that the journalists accompanying the prime minister will be questioning him not on Monday's cabinet reshuffle in Delhi but on any similar plans he may have of his own. When Mr Major went to Budapest, the biggest *Times* story generated by the trip was on the future of Canary Wharf. When he visited Egypt, the British newspapers were full of his threat to call an election should he lose the paving debate on Maastricht.

Foreign trips are useful publicity generators when the Commons is in recess and politicians crave the limelight. They may even help to broaden the mind of the country's leaders. In election campaigns they can serve to strengthen the image of the prime minister as statesman, showing up the relative inexperience of the leader of the Opposition. But this one serves none of these purposes. It is a waste of time that could be better spent at home.

FANGS FOR THE MEMORY

Dangerous breeds of dog must not be allowed even one bite

For a nation famous for its love of dogs, the United Kingdom is conspicuously and continually incompetent at controlling them. In this tight little island, it is evident that far too many dogs are crowded into cities and suburbs, without room or time for exercise or training. As a consequence streets and parks are made filthy by indefatigable and unsavoury four-legged engines of pollution. Publicity, new bylaws and special places for dogs to defecate are attacking the nuisance. But people are still harassed, frightened and bitten; children are sometimes killed and urban life is made a bit worse. It may be part of an Englishman's birthright to keep a dog, but not when it causes injury to his neighbours.

Politicians find this a delicate subject for legislation, because dogs are their constituents' sacred cows. The latest fiasco in Britain's love-hate relationship with its dogs comes from the Dangerous Dogs Act, introduced in a hurry 15 months ago in an attempt to control American pit bull terriers, and other types of teeth-on-legs bred solely to fight. The original intention, in the wake of a run of horrific cases of dogs mauling and killing humans, was to have these breeds destroyed and their re-introduction banned. Such was the sentimental uproar over the death sentence on up to 10,000 healthy animals that the government spun its first instant U-turn, and a clause was added allowing owners of pit bull terriers to keep their dogs as long as they were muzzled, castrated, insured, tattooed, fitted with microchips under their skin and registered. No dogs could be made legal in this way after the end of last year, and any pit bulls still unregistered had to be destroyed.

There appears, however, to be some confusion over the exact definition of a pit bull terrier. Pedigree Staffordshire bull terriers and mongrels that are unlucky enough to look as ugly as pit bulls are being seized by the police, and locked in kennels until their cases are resolved. The Act is proving imprecise and expensive to administer, though at least it seems that attacks by these dogs and their use in crime has been reduced. Eventually, after the purge, pit bulls will disappear from Britain.

The Home Office may need to change its rules of guidance for the police to reduce any destruction of inoffensive dogs. But it must not weaken the primary intention of the Act, which is to remove from Britain dangerous dogs that are disposed by their genes to fight and kill. These are lethal weapons, as dangerous as daggers in the wrong hands. And such dogs often are in the wrong hands of unsatisfactory owners, too cowardly to do their biting for themselves. A dog can be the Englishman's (and woman's) best friend, a companion for the lonely, reassurance for the frightened, an example from Nature for the young. But in the long run, a dog register is the way to keep the peace between dogs and humans, and prevent cruelty to either species in a crowded island.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lessons in tragic death of baby Kim

From the Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police

Sir, The case of seven-week-old Kim Griffin, in which neither parent can be brought to trial over her death because of their exercise of the right to silence (report, January 16), epitomises a serious fault in our criminal justice system.

People suspected of crime are not required to explain their actions, even with the protection of having a solicitor present and the interview tape-recorded. Other participants in criminal prosecutions — the long-suffering victims and witnesses — are quite rightly subjected to detailed examination of what they saw and did.

The motorist suspected of a drink/drive offence has to give a breath test; the tax-payer, even without suspicion of malpractice, must account for his financial circumstances to the Inland Revenue.

Kim's life has been wantonly destroyed. Her case is one of thousands of prosecutions across the range of crime not proceeded with each year because of the right to silence.

Yours etc,
CHARLES POLLARD,
Chief Constable,
Thames Valley Police,
Kidlington, Oxfordshire.
January 18.

From Mr George Bird

Sir, When a child is battered to death and its parents keep silent, justice now seems powerless.

If, by legislation, parents were deemed responsible for the safety of their children, much as a motorist is for the condition of his car, they would then automatically be held responsible for injury to a child, unless able to show that they were not.

Silence would thus become no more pre-emptive of justice than when a motorist, shown the condition of his tyres, elects to say nothing. Parents who convincingly denied knowledge of how a child came by injury would have to show why they kept silent and did not seek medical aid.

The parent-child/motorist-vehicle parallel is more profitable than it may at first seem. Certainly it is less preposterous than the expectation that there will be impartial testimony of what happens in the privacy of the home.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE BIRD,
2 Cleave Mill, Sticklepath,
Okehampton, Devon.
January 19.

Coach travel and VAT

From the Director General of the Bus & Coach Council

Sir, Three weeks into the single European market, and international coach operators are confused about the value-added tax rules which apply to intra-Community travel. Both the Community and national authorities have shown a remarkable lack of appreciation of the problem.

The EC Finance Commission, under the leadership of Mme Christiane Scrivener, wanted to zero-rate VAT for passenger transport, for a transitional period; the majority of member states would not agree. The Commission then asked the Council to give up territorial VAT and substitute VAT at the point of departure. However, member states have not yet had an opportunity to discuss the revised proposals.

Meanwhile, states that continue to impose VAT have not adapted their collection procedures to take account of the removal of frontier barriers. Information obtained from drivers now shows that it costs a UK coach operator almost £400 to cross Germany from Austria on the way back to Dover.

The single market has given coach operators increased costs which they cannot recover and a dearth of information on how they should plan travel on the Continent. What price the single market?

Yours faithfully,
VERONICA PALMER,
Director General,
Bus & Coach Council,
Sardinia House,
52 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.
January 21.

Criminal legislation and the press

From Mr John Rubinstein

Sir, I was alarmed to read Sir David Calcutt's proposals in chapter 7 of his report on press conduct (details, January 15; letters, January 16, 18, 20).

Sir David proposes that the substantive offences under his proposed criminal legislation shall be tried summarily before magistrates; he also writes (paragraph 7.21) concerning the proposed defence of exposure of "seriously anti-social conduct" to any of the proposed criminal charges, that:

it has been submitted to me that magistrates might have great difficulty in deciding in any particular case whether the conduct under consideration was "seriously anti-social conduct"; and I accept that it might be considered too difficult a concept for criminal legislation.

The burden of proving such a defence would, under Sir David's proposals, lie on the defendant. Such a proposal is wholly inimical to the degree of certainty required in criminal law.

As the proposed criminalisation only affects the gathering or obtaining of private information by proscribed methods, reputable investigative journalists could be deterred from investigating "anti-social conduct" because they would not know whether the conduct is sufficiently "seriously anti-social" before completion of their investigation and, presumably, after committing the act(s) required to establish the offence.

On the other hand, disreputable or covert information-gathering would not be deterred where the person gathering it was not doing so at the time with an intention that it should be published. Neither would the proposed penalty — a maximum £5,000 fine — offer any serious deterrent to the disreputable information gatherer.

More sinister, and wholly contrary to the fundamental freedom of expression necessary in any democratic society, is Sir David's comment (paragraph 7.6):

"Further any editor or proprietor could, if circumstances warranted it, be charged as an *accessory or with conspiracy*" [emphasis supplied].

It is hard to conceive of a measure more calculated to stifle legitimate investigative journalism and freedom of the media. Who would decide on such a prosecution? The Crown Prosecution Service? The Director of Public Prosecutions? The media should concentrate their efforts to resist this and the other sweeping proposals to criminalise the conduct complained of.

Generally, matters of intrusion into privacy should be left to civil law: with fine tuning, existing statutory and common law can provide adequate remedies to discourage unwanted intrusions into privacy. Those who deliberately inject themselves into public debate or the public arena should not be able to shield themselves from legitimate enquiry. Sir David Calcutt's suggestion of conspiracy offences should be immediately consigned to the dustbin.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RUBINSTEIN,
2 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
January 20.

From Father Christopher Loughran

Sir, Is it not strange that as the Calcutt report emerges the press suddenly concludes that it has been "used" by members of the royal family and sets up a hue and cry?

If the press cannot be relied upon to act in a responsible fashion or co-operate with voluntary regulation it must expect to have regulation imposed by statute. I hope that the government has the courage to implement this report.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER LOUGHRAN,
St Bernadette's Presbytery,
26 All Hallows Road,
Bispham, Blackpool, Lancashire.
January 17.

From Mrs Gertrud Walton

Sir, Mr Harry Spencer-Smith (letter, January 16) questions the values of those who determine what we read. Although *The Times*, thankfully, continues to contain much that compels attention, editors can determine only what they print. If it came to the worst, one might be forced to eat the paper; nobody can force one to read it as well.

Yours faithfully,
GERTRUD WALTON,
18 St Swithun Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.
January 16.

From Dr J. M. Hamilton

Sir, In 1792 Robert Burns, a radical of his time, penned these words:

Here's freedom to them that wad read,
Here's freedom to them that wad write!
There's nane ever feared that the truth should be heard,
But they whom the truth would indite!

That which was true more than 200 years ago is no less true now. When considering the Calcutt report, I hope that the prime minister takes to heart these words of a wise man who was the scourge of the establishment of his day.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. HAMILTON,
120 Adel Lane,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
January 14.

Mahogany decision

From Ms Catherine Barr

Sir, Increased international publicity regarding the destruction of Brazilian Amazonia to meet the British demand for mahogany — over half of that exported comes to the UK — has had a dramatic effect on the situation in Brazil.

The Brazilian campaign, focused on the illegal exploitation by major logging companies of mahogany in Indian reserves, is supported by over 70 groups within Brazil. In November 1992 these groups called on UK timber importers and consumers to stop buying Brazilian mahogany.

In response to the escalating campaign, a Brazilian federal judge issued a preliminary injunction on January 18 ordering the immediate closure of all illegal roads opened by logging companies inside indigenous reserves, and the removal of all their equipment, installations and employees within ten days. Failure to meet this demand will result in a daily fine followed by arrests of the owners of the logging companies.

So far, any action by British importers has been stalled on the basis of lack of "proper" evidence of the illegality of this notorious trade. Now the Timber Trade Federation in the UK must respond immediately.

Yours faithfully,
CATHERINE BARR
(Greenpeace International Forests Campaign),
Greenpeace UK,
Canonbury Villas, N1.
January 19.

Footnotes in place

From Mr Derek Hudson

Sir, Lord Beloff (letter, January 7) is both right and wrong about footnotes. Where a book is based largely on diaries, letters, etc, it may be desirable to have footnotes at the bottom of the page for elucidation. But if the reader finds at the bottom of the page only, say, Yale University Library or the persistent Ibid, he may feel he is being turned into a nodding mandarin to little purpose and become peeved.

In that case, references are best numbered and grouped by chapter at the end of the book; this need not preclude an author using an occasional asterisked footnote at the bottom of the page to add an interesting point that might seem awkward in the text.

May I add a warning based on experience: notes grouped at the end should always bear the chapter title as well as its number. This will greatly help the reader who is really determined to find out how old Ibid is getting along.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK HUDSON,
33 Beacon Hill Court,
Hindhead, Surrey.
January 7.

Minding the healers

From the Chair, United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy

Sir, May I make it clear that this organisation, which was established on January 10 at the final meeting of the United Kingdom Standing Conference for Psychotherapy (Jeremy Laurance's "Who will mind the healers?", Modern Times, January 12), has adopted a set of rigorous entry and training standards for psychotherapy training organisations.

A national register of psychotherapists is being compiled and should soon be available. A code of good practice, an ethical code, and a clear complaints procedure will ensure that the public will from now on have access to sound and accountable psychotherapy services.

It has taken many years of professional debate and negotiation to achieve this. The government first signalled the importance of establishing such a council in 1978. Clearly much will still need to be done before the profession is ready to establish statutory registration, but discussions are under way with the Department of Health.

The stratification of an obviously complex profession, which thus far has not had a governing body, will be greatly helped by the Department of Employment's proposal to examine the entire discipline of counselling and psychotherapy.

By the way, your article identified our organisation (formerly the United Kingdom Standing Conference for Psychotherapy) wrongly. Our correct name and address are given below.

Yours sincerely,
EMMY van DEURZEN-SMITH,
Chair, United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy,
Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS.
January 13.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

From the President of the British Psychological Society

Sir, "A doctor requires at least five years' training before he can look down a patient's throat, but a person who wishes to dabble in other people's emotional lives" (an inelegant phrase which denigrates necessary and recognised treatments for a whole range of debilitating psychological conditions) "needs none", writes Jeremy Laurance.

Chartered psychologists require a training of at least six years, plus a three-year undergraduate degree in psychology, and a further three years of postgraduate professional training and supervised practice. They are also subject to a code of conduct and a disciplinary code, where the final decision-makers are non-psychologists.

Yours faithfully,
E. MILLER,
President, The British Psychological Society,
St Andrew's House,
48 Princess Road East, Leicester.

Time to decide on Sunday shopping

From the chairmen of Boots and of other companies

Sir, Tomorrow the House of Commons will be asked to give a second reading to Ray Powell's private member's Bill to restrict Sunday shopping.

However, the home secretary has already announced a plan which will allow MPs to consider three different options as a basis for reform. Since the Powell Bill represents only one of these options, it is an obvious waste of parliamentary time to proceed with it.

To avoid parliamentary confusion, it is essential that the home secretary acts urgently. There is no excuse for delay. The prime minister is committed to early legislation, and the home secretary and his opposition shadow have made very clear that the 1950 Shops Act is long overdue for reform.

Shop-workers are afraid of losing vital income, local authorities are in an invidious position by being asked to enforce restrictions that local people don't want, and consumers are bewildered.

Progress can only be made if the home secretary proceeds now with full parliamentary consideration of the issue as he has promised. He should announce a timetable for this tomorrow. In the present uncertainty, all are dissatisfied.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BENSON
(The Boots Company plc),
PATRICK GILLAM
(Asda Group plc),
ALISTAIR GRANT
(Argyll Group plc),
SIMON HORNBY
(W. H. Smith Group plc),
STANLEY KALMS
(Dixons Group plc),
IAN MacLAURIN
(Tesco plc),
GEOFF MULCAHY
(Kingfisher plc),
DAVID SAINSBURY
(J. Sainsbury plc),
P. L. YOUNG
(Great Mills (Retail) Ltd),
Shopping Hours Reform Council,
36 Broadway, SW1.
January 21.

Plans for the Tate

From the Chairman of the Trustees of the Tate Gallery

Sir, The intention of the trustees of the Tate to build a new museum of modern art is bound to raise a major debate as to the right system of governance and management. Richard Cork's article of January 1, "Put them up and hang the expense", might be taken to imply that the separation should take place now in advance of the money being raised, the plans being created and the museum being operational. This would be impractical.

Our success in getting to this stage has depended on the motivation and commitment of the current Tate team led by Nicholas Serota. If that were dispersed it would be tantamount to ending the project quite aside from the consideration that the Treasury might be unlikely to "buy" two separate sets of overheads!

We must all get behind the existing team to build a museum which, as Richard Cork points out, should have been built 50 years ago. When it is operating successfully then our successors can determine the right form of control.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS STEVENSON,
Chairman of Trustees,
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1.
January 21.

Hindu leaders freed

From Mr Dhiraj Lal

Sir, It is sad to see *The Times* use vulgar language to describe senior political and national leaders of India ("Hindu extremists freed in Delhi", January 11). In fact, the six men mentioned in your report represent positions similar to that of Mr John Smith and his Labour colleagues in the British Parliament.

The Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) has a functioning internal democracy and regular elections from grass-roots level to the top post in the party. It has members from all faiths, some occupying senior positions (e.g., one senior vice-president is a Muslim).

The BJP believes in true secularism, common civil law and human rights — not separate laws for Muslims and minorities' rights.

Yours sincerely,
D. LAL,
Vandana, 144 Wake Green Road,
Moseley, Birmingham 13.
January 12.

Those in glass houses?

From Mr R. G. Maling

Sir, "A stone's throw from Parliament" (report, Politics and government, January 19). In this imitative society could we find a more appropriate way to describe proximity in such contexts?

Yours faithfully,
R. G. MALING,
Windfall, Butlers Cross,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
January 19.

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SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 21: By Command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Abdulrahman Al-Wohaibi at 42 Park Street, London W1, this morning in order to bid farewell to his Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the State of Qatar to the Court of St James's.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 21: The Duke of York, Patron, this morning visited the Yellow Brick Road Appeal, Newcastle University Medical School, Newcastle, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

His Royal Highness, Patron of Children - North East, afterwards visited the Battle Hill Family Centre.

The Duke of York later met families involved in the "Rural Action with Families in Tyneside" project and, as Patron, members and staff of the Newcastle Weston Spirit Centre.

His Royal Highness subsequently toured the Electronic Bi-Media News Room and the Television Studio.

The Duke of York this afternoon visited Parsons (Rolls-Royce Industrial Power Group), Heaton.

Captain Neil Blair RN and Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 21: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this morning opened the new bureau, 21A East Street, Havant, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the fund's shop, 4 The Marsh, Hythe.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon opened the new bureau 17 Quay Street, Newport, and was received by the Governor and Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight (the Lord Mottistone).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, subsequently visited the fund's shop, 1 St Thomas Square, Ryde.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this evening attended the installation of the new Master, Guildhall, London EC2, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Francis McWilliams).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 21: The Princess of Wales this morning visited Waltham Forest Asian Centre, Orford Road, Walthamstow, London E17.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 21: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon opened the John Abernethy Theatre Suite at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield, London EC1.

Miss Suzanne Marland and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 21: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Kent County Playing Fields Association, today received Mr Geoffrey Cooke and Mr Malcolm Hawkes and presented the HRH Special Awards.

Dinners

Lord Bottomley
Lord Bottomley, President of the Westminster branch of the Institute of Management, was host at a fellows and members dinner held last night at the House of Lords.

Britain-Australia Society
The Prime Minister was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner given by the Britain-Australia Society last night at the Dorchester hotel to mark Australia Day (January 26). Sir Jack Rampton, chairman, presided and the Premier of South Australia and Sir Colin Cowdrey also spoke. Among others present were:

The High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Smith, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord Shackleton, KG, Lady Rampton and the Agents-General for Australia and their ladies.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall. Among those present were:

The Italian Ambassador and Countess Attolico, Baroness Hooper, Sir Hugh and Lady Cortazzi, Sir Alan and Lady Reay, Mr Gary Flather, QC, and Baroness Flather, Mr A Prendergast and Dame Simone Prendergast, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Kenneth Snow, Major-General and Mrs Robert Corbett, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Seymour Gilbart-Denham and Dr and Mrs Philip Connell.

Glaziers' Company
Mr S.M. Lever, Master of the Glaziers' Company, and the Wardens and their ladies received members of the court and their guests at the St Paul's Day quarter court dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall. Among others present were:

The Master of the Vintners' Company, the Master of the Carpenters' Company, the Master of the Chartered Surveyors' Company and the President of the Medical Society of London.

London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates
Sir Christopher Wates, Vice-Chairman of the Governors of London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, and Mr David Emms, director, received the guests at the annual combined faculties dinner for residents of London House and William Goodenough House held last night at Mecklenburgh Square.

Railway Study Association
Sir Peter Parker was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Railway Study Association held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Dr John Prideaux, president, was in the chair.



Bearing up: Siobhan Hapaska, overshadowed by the six pall-bearers of her latest sculpture, is one of ten young artists shortlisted for the Barclays award. The winner, announced next Tuesday, will receive £10,000; a further £10,000 will go to the other exhibitors, whose work will be at the Serpentine Gallery, London

Forthcoming marriages

Captain J.H.S. Dalley and Miss D.M. Peel Cross
The engagement is announced between Jason Henry Stuart Dalley, The Light Dragoons, son of Mr and Mrs T.H. Dalley, of Putney, London, and Deborah Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.E. Peel Cross, of Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Professor J.S. Dean and Mrs C. Ford-Wille
The engagement is announced between James Seay, son of the late Dr and Mrs J.S. Dean, of Wisconsin, USA, and Clare, daughter of Sir Hugh Ford, of Shamley Green, Surrey, and of the late Lady Ford.

Mr D.D. Giles and Miss A.L. McCormick
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr D.L. Giles, of Fairfax, Virginia, and Mrs V.G. Giles, of Kensington, London, and Allison, daughter of Mrs J.M. McCormick, of Chadderton, Oldham.

Mr M.L. Gordon and Miss C.C. Charnock
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Alec Gordon, of Roehampton, London, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Charnock, of Kensington, London.

Mr P.J. Gower and Miss E. Clout
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of His Honour Judge John Gower, QC, and Mrs Gower, of Lye Green, Crowborough, East Sussex, and Emma, daughter of Mr Vallance Clout, of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire and the late Mrs Vallance Clout.

Mr A.T. Kennedy and Miss R.M. Pollard
The engagement is announced between Alexander Thomas, son of Dr and Mrs Robert Kennedy, of St Albans, and Ruth Mary, daughter of the Rev Noel and Mrs Pollard, of Cambridge.

Mr C.J. Stephenson and Miss S.R. Bewick
The engagement is announced between Charles Justin, son of Mr and Mrs C. Stephenson, of Hepscott, Northumberland, and Samantha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.F. Bewick, of Eaglesham, Glasgow.

Mr N.F. Levett-Scrivener and Miss R.J. Winser
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Egerton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Levett-Scrivener, of Sibton Abbey, Suffolk, and Rosanne Jay, only daughter of the late Mr Michael Pole Winser and of Mrs Michael Winser, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr S.J. Matthews and Miss F.R.A. Sanders-Rose
The engagement is announced between Stuart James, only son of Mr and Mrs Paul Matthews, of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, and Fiona Rosemary Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Sanders-Rose, of The Old Manor, Sulhamstead, Berkshire.

Captain G.R. Muir and Miss P.L. Parkes
The engagement is announced between Captain Guy Robertson Muir, Coldstream Guards, younger son of Mr and Mrs Iain Muir, of Drinkstone, Suffolk, and Phillipa Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Parkes, of Columbo, Sri Lanka.

Mr P.G. Savage and Miss S.A. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Patrick Glenn, younger son of Mr and Mrs J B Savage, of Woodnesborough, Kent, and Suzanne Amanda, youngest daughter of the late Mr R. Thompson, of Hong Kong and of Mrs A.C. Thompson, of Sidmouth, Devon.

Marriage

Mr C.F.R. Lumley and Miss W.R.Y. Troup
The marriage took place on December 19, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W1, of Mr Christopher Lumley, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lumley, and Miss Wendela Troup, daughter of Professor and Mrs Malcolm Troup. Father William Pearsall, SJ, officiated.

The bride was attended by Clarissa and Amelia Martyn-Hemphill. Mr Peter Landale was best man.

A reception was held at The Naval and Military Club.

Birthdays today

Miss Mary Hayley Bell, playwright, 82; Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, 68; Mr John Collier, chairman, Nuclear Electric, 58; *Sir John Cotton, diplomat, 84; Sir* Charles Davis, former Counsel to the Speaker, 84; the Hon John Fremantle, Lord Lieutenant of *Buckinghamshire, 66; Miss Ann* Goddard, QC, 57; Miss Margaret Hall, head of design, British Museum, 57; Lord Hughes, 82; *Mr John Hurt, actor, 53; Mr John* Last, arts patron, 53; Baroness Lockwood, 69; Sir Alfred Ramsey, manager, England's World Cup *football team, 73; Mrs Claire* Rayner, writer and broadcaster, 62; Dr Denis Rebbeck, shipbuilder, 79; Mrs Gillian *Shephard, MP, 53; Sir Hilary* Talbot, former High Court judge, 81; Lord Wardington, 69; Sir Graham Wilkins, former chair*man, Thorn EMI, 69.*

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Samaritans, will visit their new *headquarters at* 10 The Grove, Slough, at 11.45; and the Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead branch, 17 Uxbridge Road, *Slough, at 1.55.*

Loriners' Company

The Princess Royal, Master of the Loriners' Company, presided at a Court meeting held yesterday at Guildhall. Afterwards the following were installed officers for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Leon Jessel; Upper Warden, Mr R.C.A. FitzGerald; Under Warden, Sir Francis *McWilliams.*

Luncheons

Carmen's Company
Alderman Sir Peter Levene, Master of the Carmen's Company, assisted by Mr E.R. Britt, Senior Warden, and Mr M.E.G. Taylor, Junior Warden, presided at a court luncheon held yesterday at Haberdashers' Hall. Dame Cecily Saunders, OM, and Sir Ronald Grierson also spoke.

National Sporting Club
Mr Bob Willis, Chairman of the National Sporting Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Cliff Richard was the guest speaker.

Memorial service

The Right Rev Oliver Tomkins
The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop at Lambeth at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Right Rev Oliver Tomkins which was held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray officiated. Miss Richenda Leigh, Student Christian Movement, Mr Jay McCleod, Lincoln Theological College, and Canon Martin Reardon, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, led the prayers.

Lessons and extracts from Bishop Tomkins' work were read by the Right Rev David Say, the Rev A. Raymond George, Warden of John Wesley's Chapel, Bristol, the Rev John Reardon, General Secretary of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, and the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Dr Mary Tanner, General Secretary of the Council for Christian Unity of the General Synod of the Church of England, gave an address.

The Rev Jonathan Goodall, Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, the Right Rev Robin Woods, the Archdeacon of London, also *representing the Bishop of* London, Canon William Jacob, Warden of Lincoln Theological College, the Bishop of Bristol and *Sister Hilary Markey, Community* of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, were robed and in the Sanctuary.

During the service Bishop Tomkins' reproduction of the Rublev Ikon was borne to the Sanctuary by Miss Jane Curtis.

Appointments

Mr R.D. Gordon to be ambassador to Yemen in succession to Mr M.A. Marshall who is retiring.

Esmond James Faulks and Barry Malcolm Black to be circuit judges, on the North Eastern and South Eastern Circuits respectively.

Richard Ronald Matthews to be joint district judge for the districts of Aldershot and Farnham and *Andover County Courts.*

John Andrew Simmonds to be a Registrar in Bankruptcy of the High Court.

Latest wills

Sir John Sinclair-Wemyss Arbuthnot, of Ash, Canterbury, Kent, former Conservative MP for Dover, left estate valued at £1,793,974 net.

Mr Donald Howard Barrett, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, left estate valued at £936,420 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, Lord Chancellor 1618-21, London, 1561; Pierre Gassendi, mathematician, Champtercier, Provence, 1592; Gotthold Lessing, dramatist, Kamenz, Germany, 1729; André Marie Ampère, physicist, Lyon, 1775; Joseph Hume, social reformer, Montrose, 1777; George *Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron,* poet, London, 1788; Paul Vidal de la Blanche, geographer, Pezenas, France, 1825; August Strindberg, *dramatist, Stockholm, 1849; D.W.* Griffith, film director, Floydsfork, Kentucky, 1875; U Thant, Secretary-General of the UN 1961-71, *Pantanaw, Burma, 1909; Sam* Cooke, singer, Chicago, 1931.

DEATHS: Andrea del Sarto, painter, Florence, 1531; William Paterson, financier and founder of the Bank of England, London, 1719; Horace Benedict de Saussure, physicist and historian, Geneva, 1799; James Bryce, 1st Viscount Bryce, historian and diplomat, Sidmouth, Devon, 1922; Charles Kean, actor-manager, London, 1868; Sir Joseph Whitworth, industrialist and engineer, Monte Carlo, 1887; Carlo Pellegrini, the cartoonist (Ape), London, 1889; David Hughes, pioneer of telephony, London, 1900; Queen Victoria, reigned 1837-1901, Osborne House, Isle *of Wight, 1901; James Pryce,* Viscount Pryce, historian and politician, Sidmouth, Devon, 1922; Walter Sickert, painter, Bath, 1942; Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th American President 1963-69, San Antonio, Texas, 1973; Herbert Sutcliffe, cricketer, 1978.

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We are fellow-workers in God's service and you are God's garden. Or again, you are God's building.
1 Corinthians 3 : 9

BIRTHS

BENFIELD - On January 17th, at Pembury Hospital, to Philippa (née Thorne) and John, a daughter, Antonia Philippa Dora, a sister for George.

BROADFOOT - On January 20th, to Caroline (née Salvin) and Hugo, a son.

CARROLL - On 19th January, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Ruth and John, a daughter, Jessica Mary, a sister for Matthew, Adam and Jamie.

FAIERS - On 20th January, to Jane (née Williamson) and Adrian, a daughter, Madeleine Catherine.

GOSLING - On Christmas Day 1992, to Paul and Mary (née Gryspeerdt), a beautiful daughter, Helen Mary.

LISTER - On 18th January, to Janet (née Howard) and Philip, a beautiful daughter, Kathryn Claire (Kitty).

PLUMSTEAD - On 21st January, to Susan and John, a son, James Marcus.

PRIOR - On 19th January, to Mary Ann (née Morris) and Rupert, a daughter, Cornelia Frances Mary, a half-sister for Phoebe and Charles.

READ - On January 18th, to Julia (née Marigold) and Ian, a son, Peter Ian, a brother for Henry and Sophie.

SASSOON MUNNS - On January 18th, at The Portland Hospital, a baby boy, Abraham Angelo Alexander.

VAUGHAN - On January 19th, in London, to Lucy and Michael, a daughter.

WHITEHEAD - On January 14th 1993, at Hinchingbrook Hospital, Huntingdon, to June (née Dowell) and Mark, a beautiful son, Nicholas Ashley Mark.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

PIKE:THURLEY - On 22nd January 1943, Thomas William Andrew and Vera Evelyn at Chelsea Registry Office. Now in Beckenham.

DEATHS

ARIARAJ - Passed away on January 19th 1993, of Stourbridge, West Midlands, Dr. Samuel Ariaraj, Consultant Anaesthetist at Wordsley Hospital. Beloved husband of Kanthi, loving daddy of Laxman, Sumitren and Rajiv. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford on Tuesday January 26th at 12 noon followed by interment. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Renal Unit, Wordsley Hospital, will be accepted by H. Porter & Sons, 60, South Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 3UJ.

ARMSTRONG - On 20th January 1993, suddenly but peacefully in the Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, John Raymond Armstrong C.B.E., aged 71 years. A much loved husband of Doris, father of John and Jane.

BARR - James Neil (Jock). On 20th January 1993, peacefully at home in Walthamstow with his *family and friends*. Beloved son of Jane and Jimmy Barr, brother to Janice, and much loved by all who knew him. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Prittlewell, Southend, Essex, on 29th January at 2 pm, followed by a private committal. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to help continue his work with young people, through the Prince's Trust, c/o Kenyons, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2.

d'LENY - Walter Charles. On 11th January, 1993, peacefully aged 90 years after a very short illness. A quiet funeral service took place on 14th January at Hawnby, North Yorks.

EDE - On January 19th, Doris, aged 94. Dearly loved widow of Colin (Cuthbert), mother of Patricia, Diana and the late Anthony, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Filkins Monday February 1st at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request. *Donations to* Burford Hospital Comforts Fund.

HILTON - Margaret, on January 18th, for 40 years a devoted teacher at the University of Birmingham, mourned by family, friends and students. Funeral at Robin Hood Crematorium, Birmingham, Wednesday 27th January, 3 pm. No flowers. *Donations to* St Mary's Hospice, Raddlebarn Road, Birmingham B29.

HOLLINGSWORTH - On January 20th, suddenly at The General Hospital, Jersey, Timothy John, dearly loved son of John and the late Barbara, dearest brother to Rosemary, beloved and loving husband to Sheilagh, devoted and adored Deda to Hugo, Edmund, Alec and Christabel (Boo) we miss you so. Family flowers only please. *Donations, in his memory,* to be sent to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (R.N.L.I.), c/o The Hon. Treasurer, PO Box 739, St Helier, Jersey.

JORDAN - Hilda (Dill) peacefully in hospital on 20th January, Dill, devoted wife of the late Ray (Dal) Jordan of N.A.T.O. retired. Beloved mother of Sally, mother-in-law of Bill and much loved grandmother. Funeral Tuesday 26th January. Service at 2 pm in the Gwent Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to Sisters of St Joseph, St Anne's Hospice, c/o St Joseph's Hospital, Harding Avenue, Newport, Gwent. Enquiries to Tovey and Morris Funeral Directors, tel: (0633) 267402.

LORAINE - Peter Campbell Alexander, Col. R.A., retired, and of Hunting Engineering, Ampthill. Suddenly, on 19th January 1993, aged 70 years. He was a man of great integrity and a wonderful companion. Funeral at 12.40pm, Wednesday 27th January at Worthing Crematorium. Flowers, or donations *for The National* Trust, to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, tel: (0903) 234516.

McPHIE - On January 20th, John Kent, peacefully at Claremont Hospital, Sheffield. The beloved husband *of Elsie and much* loved father of John and Anne and grandfather of Nicola, Camilla, Freddie and Angus. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Edensor, Derbyshire, on Friday January 29th at 10.45 am. The committal following the service will be for family only. Family flowers, but donations to Cancer Research may be sent to J.W. & J. Mettam Ltd., Mill Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

MORRIS - Alexander Low of 101 New Kings Road, London, died peacefully on Sunday January 17th at St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst. He was *cremated in Sydney on* Wednesday January 20th.

MOSCATI - On January 20th 1993, peacefully in a nursing home at Polegate, Lily Kathleen (Nick), ever adoring wife of the late Francis Henry Victor Moscati. She was a Vice President of the Wanstead & Woodford *Association for the Welfare* of the Blind. It was her express desire here sincerely to thank all those who have been so good and kind to her since her bereavement. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday January 29th at 12 noon. Flowers to Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, *Eastbourne.*

PEARKES - Suddenly on January 20th, Gillian of Chilverton, Coldridge, near Crediton, Devon. A wonderful daughter and sister. Funeral service private, donations may be given to her chosen charity the Marie Curie, Tidcombe *Hall, Tiverton, Devon.*

PETERS - Angela Felicity, our darling little Angel of Happiness. Felicity died peacefully aged 17 months on 20th January after a valiant fight against leukaemia. Beloved daughter of Ian and Jane, sister to Duncan, granddaughter to Granny, Grangie and Babar. Her funeral will take place on Monday 25th January at 1 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Amberley, Gloucestershire. No flowers please, but donations if desired to C.L.I.C. South West, Fremantle Square, Bristol, Avon.

ROWAN - Colin Buchanan Rowan M.C. Suddenly but peacefully on 19th January 1993. Most beloved husband of Marjorie and adored by his children, Don, Hugh and Marion, *his step-family* and all the grandchildren. Cremation private. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, *Colemans Hatch, at 2.30 pm* on Thursday 18th February. Donations, if desired, to Heatherley Cheshire Home, Copthorne, West Sussex.

SIMMONS - On 18th January, Katherine Joyce Evelyn, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at the Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 26th January at 10 am. Enquiries to Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, Wandsworth SW18, tel: (081) 874-7698.

SNOW - Peacefully on Sunday January 17th, Gordon Keller, aged 83 years. Husband of the late Margaret, father of Juliet and grandfather of Polly.

SUCKLING - On January 20th, peacefully in hospital, Norman Jack of Fairwarp. Loving husband and father. Requiem Mass at 11 am on Monday January 25th at St John's Church, Herons Ghyll, Uckfield. Family *flowers only, but donations if* desired for The British Diabetic Association, may be sent c/o Fuller and Scott, The Waldrons, Uckfield (0825) 763241.

WASS - Lawrence Farbon C.B.E. J.P., of Winchmore Hill N21, on 20th January in hospital after a short illness. Aged 80. Funeral at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, Southgate N11 at 12.30 pm Tuesday 26th January. Friends welcome. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, London SW3.

WEBB - Edgar Dudley, Cmdr. RN., peacefully on January 19th 1993, aged 86. Brother of the late David and Christopher. Cremation Eltham Crematorium, opposite Falconwood Station, 2 pm February 3rd. *Donations in memory may* be sent to The League of Friends, Greenwich District Hospital, London SE10 9HE, or The London Athletic Club, c/o 49 Blakes Lane, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6NS.

WREN - Douglas, formerly of Guildford and Oulton Broad, peacefully aged 91 years in Freshwater, Isle of Wight, *after a short illness. Funeral* Service at Woodbridge Road Methodist Church, Guildford, on Thursday January 28th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Friends of Guildford Cathedral, c/o Everson Funeral Directors, The Broadway, Totland Bay, IW. tel: (0983) 756735.

YOUNG - On January 16th 1993 at Norton Priory Nursing Home, Selsey, Dr. Gladys Lillian Young M.B., B.Ch. (née Craig), aged 91, *widow of Stanley and aunt* of Elizabeth Collet and the late Joanna Craig. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday January 27th at 11 am. *No flowers please* but donations, if desired, to Selsey Venture Club c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester (0243) 782136.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MORRIS - A Thanksgiving for the life of Sandy Morris will be held at 3 pm on Wednesday January 27th at All Hallow's Church by the Tower of London.

CAPSTICK - Pauline. The Lady Chapel, Chichester Cathedral at 1.10 pm on Wednesday 27th January 1993. All friends welcome.

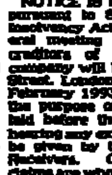
DRUMMOND - The Thanksgiving Service for the lives of Paddy and David will be held at St Mary's Church, Weaverham, Cheshire, Friday 29th January 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be sent to The Rev. C.R. Smith, c/o Rose Cottage, Weaverham, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 3HQ, for the Funding of Nursery Education in the Magadi District, Kenya.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

SILBERSTON - Louis F.Z.S. Loving memories of darling Father. Gertrude Shilling.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sean Devereux
1964-1993



"In my end is my beginning"
T.S. Eliot

"DERMOT, MAUREEN, THERESE AND TANIA DEVEREUX, WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND KINDNESS FOLLOWING SEAN'S DEATH IN SOMALIA"

LEGAL NOTICES

Hawkeye Construction Limited
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 2079890
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 9 February 1993 at 14.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 8 February 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Malcolm Cohen
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BAXALL PLC - IN LIQUIDATION
NOTICE is hereby given that Rupert Graham Mullins of BDO Binder Hamlyn, Broad Quay House, Broad Quay, Bristol, BS1 4PQ, was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 12 January 1993.

Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to the Liquidator on or before 12 April 1993 and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, personally or by their solicitor to come in and prove their debts at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
R G Mullins, Liquidator.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Morgan Head & Coleman (Leasing) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.15 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Foundry Management & Design Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.20 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

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Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Statiolle Limited (formerly T A Group Limited)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.55 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

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Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
F M & D Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.50 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

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Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
The Citadel (New Forest) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.40 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

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Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Brown Goldie & Co Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

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Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited
TRANSFER OF GENERAL BUSINESS
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Municipal Mutual Insurance Limited applied to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on 30th December 1992 for his approval, pursuant to section 51 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982, to transfer to General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation p.l.c. all its rights and obligations under buildings and buildings and contents policies written by it on behalf of clients of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society in the United Kingdom prior to the close of business on the 30th September 1992.
2. Copies of the Statement of Particulars of the proposed transfer are available for inspection at 26/27 Old Queen Street, Westminster, SW1H 9HN, Monday to Friday, from 9.00am to 5.00pm when particulars may be inspected until 9th February 1993.
3. Written representations concerning the transfer may be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Department of Trade and Industry, Insurance Division, 10-18 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0NN before 11th March 1993. The Secretary of State will not determine the application until after considering any representations made to him before that date.

LIBERTY PLASTICS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. The above-named Company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £22,500.
3. The date of the resolution for payment out of capital is 19 January 1993.
4. A statutory declaration and auditors' report, as required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985, are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985, for an Order prohibiting the payment.
A. WALKER, Director.
Dated 19th January 1993.

LILLEY DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
I, Richard James Rees, Chartered Accountant of Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3QY, hereby give notice that I was appointed with my partner G J Bennett as Joint Receiver of the whole property and undertaking of Lilley Developments Limited under the terms of Section 51 and 52 of the Insolvency Act 1986 on 7 January 1993.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the said Act, Preferential Creditors are requested to lodge their claims with me within six months of this notice.
R J Rees
13 January 1993.

IN THE MATTER OF DISPLAY (PLASTICS) LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S. 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 19 January 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 19th day of January 1993
M J Carter

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 29th day of January 1993 at 11.25 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.

NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.

A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated this 15th day of January 1993.
Philip W Arkless. (name) Secretary.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In the matter of Rodnic Ltd
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G C A MORPHITIS, Liquidator.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
A McCarthy & Sons Limited
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Notice of Administration Order
ONSLOW MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED
Registered number: 2468672. Nature of business: Hotel Management Company. Trade classification: (9) 47. Administration order made: 18 January 1993. Joint Administrators: A R Bloom and M E Mills (office holder nos: 6462 and 5318 respectively).

Notice of Administration Order
PLAZA MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED
Registered number: 1946201. Nature of business: Hotel Management Company. Trade classification: (9) 47. Administration order made: 18 January 1993. Joint Administrators: A R Bloom and M E Mills (office holder nos: 6462 and 5318 respectively).

PUBLIC NOTICES

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All comments should be sent by that date to:- Sellafield Draft Authorisations, HM Inspectorate of Pollution, Mitre House, Church Street, Lancaster LA1 1BG. E572/01/1PN(C).

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OBITUARIES

AUDREY HEPBURN

Audrey Hepburn, actress, died of cancer on January 20 at her home in Tolochenaz, Switzerland, aged 63. She was born in Brussels on May 4, 1929.



WHEN she burst on an unsuspecting world in *Roman Holiday* in 1953, Audrey Hepburn seemed, and was, a totally original creation. It was just the time that the whole film world seemed to be swarming, understandably, in the direction of Marilyn Monroe, the other late flower of the Hollywood system. Monroe inspired dozens of imitators, but one could hardly imagine Hepburn inspiring any. Monroe was the busty blonde in excelsis, easy to ape superficially, if impossible to equal; Hepburn was tall, dark, gawky, strange-looking, a star who had, perforce, to create her own style. And so, indeed, she did.

Her figure was a dress-designer's dream (she had been briefly a fashion model) and she worked out for herself that the ideal designer for her was Givenchy, with his uncompromising simplicity. She was a lady, in a cinema which was emphatically reacting against any such notion of womanhood. She was elfin, ethereal, with a touching, almost waif-like quality about her which fitted her particularly for the romantic fairy story. And above all, she had charm and a sparkling sense of humour which made the whole worldfall in love with her at first sight.

Well, not, perhaps, quite at first sight. Before she was picked by William Wyler to play the errant princess in *Roman Holiday*, she had made brief appearances in several European-made films. She was a cigarette girl in the opening scene of *The Lavender Hill Mob* in 1951 and played a substantial role in Thorold Dickinson's serious but flawed *The Secret People*, before being spotted by Colette in a hotel lobby while making a film called *Nous Irons à Monte Carlo*. At Colette's suggestion she was auditioned by Gilbert Miller for the title role in a Broadway adaptation of Colette's novel *Gigi*. She got the role, and achieved a great personal success in it, but Paramount were still tentative enough about her screen possibilities to sign her up for only one film in the first instance.

So she was not quite an overnight sensation, though it looked very much like it when she went on to win the New York Critics' Award and the Best Actress Oscar for *Roman Holiday*. Paramount wanted, too late, to put her on an exclusive long term contract, but discovered that instead they had to hire her services from Associated British, which had already signed her as a starlet during her brief period in British films.

She was the daughter of an English banker working in Brussels, Joseph Anthony Hepburn-Ruston, and his wife, the Dutch Baroness Ella van Heemstra. Audrey (originally Edda) was the only child of this marriage, though she had two half-brothers from one of her mother's previous marriages. She seems to have been a solitary and withdrawn child, brought up bilingual and, after the break-up of her parents' marriage in 1935, commuting awkwardly between their respective homes in England and Holland. She was also, amazingly for those who remember her spare elegance as an adult, inclined to be plump and considered rather plain.

When war broke out her mother brought her back quickly from England, thinking that Holland would be safer. She was in Arnhem when the Germans invaded, already studying the dance with the hope of becoming a ballerina. On several occasions during the occupation she and her family were close to starvation, but she survived, took up her dance studies again, and in 1947 emigrated with her mother to London, where chances seemed to be better for making dancing her profession. She returned briefly to Holland for a small part in an obscure film, but did not take the possibility of becoming an actress seriously. She continued her dance studies with the Ballet Rambert, and danced in the chorus of *High Button Shoes* and in the revues *Sauce Tartare* and *Sauce Piquante* in the West End before playing a bit in the film *Laughter in Paradise*. This led to the Associated British contract and further small parts before the encounter with Colette.

Once she was launched in America she was unstoppable: major film-makers fell over themselves to give her major roles. If *Roman Holiday* was a Cinderella story in reverse, Billy Wilder's *Sabrina* was the classic article, and for the first time on screen she was allowed to become glamorous and sophisticated. Back on Broadway she played in Giraudoux's *Ondine*, co-starring with Mel Ferrer, whom she subsequently married and appeared with in King Vidor's version of *War and Peace*, in which she was a dazzling Natasha. Throughout the 1950s she went from triumph to triumph, singing and dancing with Fred Astaire in *Funny Face*, having another May/December affair with Gary Cooper in *Love in the Afternoon*, and rounding out the decade with the enormous success of Fred Zinnemann's *The Nun's Story*.

Her first real failure was Mel Ferrer's unconvincing version of W. H. Hudson's *Green Mansions*, a fantasy about a girl who lives with the birds. Memory of this was soon wiped out by another of her classic roles, as Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, a film the original author Truman Capote heartily disliked, but everyone else adored. Wyler's second version of Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour* (called *The Loudest Whisper* in Britain), with Hepburn and Shirley MacLaine as the teachers whose lives are ruined by scandal, was less successful, but her teaming with Cary Grant in Stanley Donen's decorative comedy-thriller *Charade* worked perfectly. Another peak in her career came in 1964 with her casting as Eliza Doolittle in George Cukor's version of *My Fair Lady* — inspired casting which yet caused some resentment in that it involved passing over the claims of Julie Andrews, who had played the role on Broadway. It also required the dubbing of Hepburn's singing voice(by Marni Nixon).

This phase of her career continued with two more big successes, Stanley Donen's *Two for the Road*, in which she was coupled with Albert Finney in an intricately structured anatomy of a marriage, and an all-out thriller, *Wait Until Dark*, in which she could pull out all the stops as a threatened blind girl.

By this time the external circumstances of her life had changed. In 1968 her marriage to Mel Ferrer broke up, and soon after she married an Italian psychologist called Andrea Dotti. Living with him and her son by her first marriage, Sean, in Rome, she did not feel particularly drawn to movie-making, and she had had another son, Luca, before she returned to the screen in 1976 with Sean Connery in Richard Lester's bitter-sweet Sherwood Forest tale *Robin and Marian*. People were pleased that she was back, though the film was only a moderate success. And from there her films were few and far between. At least she played a full-blooded leading role (rather than a mature star's cameo) in *Bloodline*, a thriller of considerable foolishness, but one made close to home. On the other hand, her next film, Peter Bogdanovich's *They All Laughed*, took her back to America and signalled her separation from Dotti, though not, for several years, their divorce.

At various times in the 1980s she was announced for films she did not make, and certainly was offered many roles that she refused. She was rich, she was living with a rich man, Robert Wolders, widower of Merle Oberon, and she did not need to work unless she wanted to.

Instead she devoted herself to working for Unicef on behalf of starving and endangered children, focusing public attention on their plight by her visits to areas of devastation and famine. She was spurred on in this activity by her memories of her own childhood in Nazi-occupied Holland. In 1990, however, she suddenly reappeared on screen, looking as gorgeous as ever, playing the custodian of the fantasy heaven in Stephen Spielberg's *Always*.

Last September, after a visit to Somalia, she appeared before the press and television cameras in London to recall, vividly, the horrific conditions she had witnessed.

Two months later she underwent treatment for cancer of the colon and was too ill to visit Los Angeles, three weeks ago, to receive the Screen Actors Guild award for lifetime achievement.

CONSTANTINE TRYPANIS

Constantine Trypanis, Greek scholar and poet who was Bywater and Sotheby Professor of Byzantine and Modern Greek Language and Literature at Oxford, 1947-68, and Minister of Culture and Science, 1974-77, in the Greek government which followed the fall of the military junta, died in Athens on January 18 aged 83. He was born on Chios on January 22, 1909.

CONSTANTINE Trypanis was scholar, soldier, Greek government minister and poet. He leaves a rich legacy of editions and literary-historical works which range over Greek literature, from the Homeric era to the present day. He always maintained that the tradition of Greek poetry had never faltered since Homer. His scholarship was informed by an intense pride in his heritage and by a proselytising zeal for periods he felt had suffered neglect. He cast fresh light on Byzantine culture and on Alexandrian poetry.

In 1930 he graduated in law at Athens. But he then found his vocation in the Classics and took a degree in Philosophy. Next he studied in Germany, where the impassioned loquacity of his approach to what he saw as an essentially living culture, dismayed the dry-as-dust pedants of Berlin and Munich. He became Reader in Ancient Greek Literature at Athens in 1939.

War supervened. He joined the Chios Regiment and fought both the Italian and German invaders. During one of many retreats a reminder of former Greek glories was borne in on him as his unit passed through Marathon.

In 1945 he went to Oxford under a scheme for scholars from the occupied countries. After two years lecturing he was appointed to the Bywater and Sotheby Chair. He had already produced, in 1943, a book on Alexandrian poetry. In 1951 he published, in English, an attractive anthology, *Medieval and Modern Greek Poetry*, with an illuminating introduction. In 1958 he edited the fragments of Callimachus for the Loeb Classical Library.

His major work (with Paul Maas) was an edition of Romanos, the greatest Byzantine hymnographer, entitled *Sancti Romani Melodi Cantica*. Many years previously Maas had embarked on this difficult task, but two world wars and other vicissitudes prevented him from bringing it to a conclusion. His manuscript had long been in Athens, when Trypanis offered to revise and prepare it for publication. The first volume appeared in 1963 and the second in 1970. By presenting in their naked essence the metrical forms of Romanos, Trypanis enabled us to see him, not as the product of a culture in decay, but as a poet of technical originality and spiritual profundity.

Trypanis published several volumes of his own verse in English. The first, *Pedasus* (1955), evoked the atmosphere of the Chios of his childhood. *The Stones of Troy* (1957) was, again, best in its evocation of the sea and sky of the "dancing islands", less good when Trypanis used Homeric modes to celebrate what were essentially British public school values. *The Cocks of Hades* (1958) was followed by *The Pompeian Dog* (1964).

For the BBC Third Programme he did verse translations of Sophocles as well as of poetry by Byzantine and contemporary Greek poets.

After spending the years 1968-74 as a classics professor at Chicago University he returned to Greece at the invitation of the then prime minister, Constantine Karamanlis. He became Minister of Culture after the elections which followed the fall of the colonels, to restore some intellectual order in Greece after seven years of abject philistinism under the junta.

In 1971 he edited the *Penguin Book of Greek Verse*. Its long introduction propounded the theme which was an act of faith with him: namely that there was an unbroken sequence of Greek poetry from Homer to his contemporaries. The major thesis of the *Penguin Book* was reasserted ten years later in Trypanis's magisterial history, *Greek Poetry from Homer to Seferis*. It remains his chef d'oeuvre.

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...In fine, thousands of families, expecting support from the wisdom of the state, in a season of famine, are brutally deprived of the subsistence provided for them, and exclaim, with the voice of thunder——Vengeance! Vengeance! Let us then, my Countrymen, obey: the King expects it, and honour and justice require it at our hands. If the English have forgotten that the blood which circulates in the veins of Spaniards is the same which flowed in the breasts of those who triumphed over the Carthagenian, the Roman, the Vandal, and the Saracen, it is time that the recollection should be revived: it is time to convince them that we will preserve the fame of our ancestors unsullied, and shew to them that we will perform our duty to posterity, if it require that our ranks should be thinned to add to the glorious catalogue of Castillian heroism. If these distant islanders have attributed our desire to preserve tranquility within our borders to lamentable weakness, or to dishonourable fear, let them at least be taught that the latter can never disgrace the bosom of a Spaniard, glowing with all the ardent and liberal impressions peculiar to his country. Quickly will we teach them, that a loyal, virtuous, and brave people, attached to religion, and enamoured of true glory, can never be insulted with impunity, much less can it endure an instance of sanguinary violence directed against its dignity and independence. If the English, unmindful of the principles of humanity respected among civilized nations, abandoning all shame and remorse, have only sought to obtain possession of our treasures, which we should have peaceably delivered to them, had they been entitled to the property, we will recall to their memory a fact which we trusted had been universally acknowledged——that the abuse of power, the violation of public right, and the mad excesses of despotism, have ever been the awful presage of the fall of Empires. Let them hide their dishonoured heads; let them tremble to the contemplation of this ill-gotten wealth; let them shudder before the bloody victims of their aggression; and let an eternal mark of infamy be impressed, and universal detestation be excited for these examples of public atrocity ...

ON THIS DAY

January 22 1805

Spain, under the influence of Napoleon, declared war on England in December 1804. This inflammatory call to arms was made by Emanuel Godoy, duke of Alcudia, first minister of Charles IV, and who had been proclaimed Prince of Peace.

NEWS

Cabinet seeks jobless solution

■ Senior ministers began an urgent study of ways of curbing unemployment — including a version of America's workfare — as the jobless total surged by 60,000 to within a whisker of three million.

John Major has told Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, that he is looking for quick results and officials say there is a "single-minded drive". The rise to 2.97 million was much bigger than expected ..... Pages 1, 19

Iraq clash ends Clinton's party

■ American and Iraqi forces clashed again ending a two-day-old ceasefire and bringing President Clinton's inaugural festivities to an abrupt conclusion. Two American warplanes patrolling Iraq's northern no-fly zone attacked an Iraqi missile battery ..... Pages 1, 8

Heseltine hits back

Michael Heseltine launched a counter-attack in the increasingly bitter cabinet battle over the pits closure programme by letting it be known that he rejected the allegation that he had not fully informed Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, over the consequences of the closureplan ..... Pages 1, 7

Bosnia demand

A prospective request from the United Nations for British troops in Bosnia to be used in a peacekeeping role has prompted John Major to call cabinet ministers to Downing Street today to "fill the vacuum" in British policy ..... Pages 1, 11

Workers' hero

Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, told MPs investigating press intrusion that his newspaper had become the "hero of the working man" since Sir David Calcutt recommended statutory controls ..... Page 2

Suicide fears

University authorities are to boost counselling services amid fears that the academic, financial and emotional pressures on their students are leading to an increasing number of tragic deaths ..... Page 3

Witness appeal

Looking haggard and pale, the mother of Claire Tiltman, the schoolgirl murdered as she walked the short distance to a friend's house, told how her last words to her daughter were to take care. She asked witnesses to come forward ..... Page 3

Operation risk

One of the most common surgical operations performed on women, dilatation and curettage involving scraping the lining of the womb to check for cancer, is being used inappropriately and is putting patients at risk, say researchers ..... Page 5

Ulster pressure

The government faces renewed pressure to prosecute the soldiers involved in the killing of 13 people on Bloody Sunday in Londonderry 21 years ago after the admission by John Major that the people who died were innocent ..... Page 5

Defensive Rabin

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, fended off mounting United Nations pressure over Israel's expulsion to Lebanon of 415 Muslim militants ..... Page 8

Tanker blazes

A salvage tug began fighting a fire on board a fully-laden and abandoned supertanker off northern Sumatra but the vessel's owners said it would take days to bring the fire under control ..... Page 9

Embarrassed leader

President Serrano of Guatemala a former pastor of an evangelical protestant church, has returned home to controversy after he was filmed emerging from a topless bar in Manhattan ..... Page 10

President has a ball at the ball

■ President Clinton's advisers cautioned against it but just a few hours after the swearing-in ceremony, the new leader of the United States did what no president has done before: he picked up a tenor saxophone at an inauguration ball and played "Your Momma Don't Dance and Your Daddy Don't Rock 'n' Roll", and played it well ..... Page 10



JOHN MANNING

Fighting fit: Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, greeted by a monkish protester when he visited St Bartholomew's Hospital which is under threat. Meanwhile the Duke of Gloucester was opening a £15m operating theatre complex

BA buys: British Airways acquired $300 million of new USAir convertible preferred stock in return for three board seats and 19.9 per cent of voting rights ..... Page 19

Lloyd's losses: Independent analysts estimate the Lloyd's of London insurance market made a loss in 1992, dashing hopes of a return to profit ..... Page 21

Markets: The pound suffered a sharp fall in response to unemployment figures, closing down 2.25 cents at $1.5175 and down 2.24 pfennigs at DM2.4508. But shares rallied on hopes of an interest rate cut and the FT-SE100 index ended up 24.6 at 2,773.3 ..... Page 22

Stark truths: Is the life of the traveller and author Freya Stark more illusion than fact? A biography claims she was hypochondriac, manipulative and naive ..... Page 12

Tough at the top: Why should a boss be better for being ordered into the icy sea? Sally Brompton on survival courses ..... Page 12

Educating Chelsea: The philosophy behind the Quaker school the Clintons have chosen for their daughter and the implications of a private education ..... Page 12

Building a better life: Professor Alice Coleman argues that the design of council estates has an impact on crime. She is seeing if her ideas can help Moss Side ..... Page 13

Out of the box: The "kit car" industry has long had its exotic products held back by safety tests. Government changes will open up new markets ..... Page 31

Top marque: Vaughan Freeman tests the Ford Mondeo and decides that the millions Ford have lavished were well spent ..... Page 31

Legal quibble: Britain's 25 million regular drivers show an alarming ambivalence towards motoring and the law ..... Page 31

Pile it high: In the week that IBM announced record losses, company buyers can still find PC bargains in Britain ..... Page 26

Formative influences: A new exhibition at the Hayward Gallery makes it clear how sculpture has been transformed since the 60s by abandoning old limits ..... Page 27

Columbus carry on: Els Joglars, a Spanish theatre troupe, has come to London with its irreverent contribution to the Columbus quincentenary celebrations ..... Page 27

Viennese whirled: Impressive designs for a new "museum quarter" in Vienna ..... Page 28

Reporting some doubts: American author and journalist Joan Didion, whose new book is published in Britain this week, discovers there is more to life than New York, Los Angeles and Washington Page 29

Cricket: Having been put in to bat, England reached only 198 for six in their 50 overs and lost the second one-day international against India, in Chandigarh, by five wickets. Graeme Hick scored 56 and Navjot Sidhu claimed the man-of-the-match award with 76 off 107 balls ..... Page 36

Tennis: Jennifer Capriati, the Olympic champion, who had been ill for the two previous days, came from a set and 4-1 down to beat Argentina's Florentia Labat in the Australian Open ..... Page 32

Football: Tranmere Rovers, saved from becoming a non-League side by John King in 1987, are the sole Merseyside survivors in the FA Cup. Naturally, they are confident against Ipswich in the 4th round tomorrow ..... Page 34



Mona Bauwens said she supported Clive Soley's press bill because coverage of her libel action had turned her into a commodity
Page 2



Lord King, the chairman of BA, said: "I would like again to apologise and to reiterate goodwill towards Richard Branson"
Page 1



William Shawcross says that the Xinhua news agency, China's unofficial embassy in Hong Kong, is strangling press freedom in the colony
Page 9



Zoe Baird, President Clinton's choice as attorney-general, refused to step down despite opposition to her hiring illegal aliens as home helps
Page 10

British gardeners invade France to look at other people's plots. They find a 91-year-old prince with a delight. *Gardens Without Borders* (C4, 9pm) ..... Page 35

End the slump

John Smith said yesterday that the nation was "tired of feeble and lame excuses" for the ineluctable rise of unemployment and the interminable recession. The Chancellor should cut interest rates immediately to six per cent. And if there is still no clear evidence of economic when he presents his Budget, he should cut interest rates again ..... Page 15

The dangers of abroad

Mr Major is the first British prime minister to be invited as chief guest for India's Republic Day. This is undoubtedly an honour. But excuses could have been made gracefully, given that Parliament is sitting and the prime minister has much to do. India must run a poor sixth to Iraq, Bosnia, the EC, America and Somalia ..... Page 15

Fangs for the memory

The latest fiasco in Britain's love-hate relationship with its dogs comes from the Dangerous Dogs Act. The Act is proving imprecise and expensive to administer, but at least it seems that attacks by these dogs and their use in crime has been reduced ..... Page 15

JANET DALEY

Those who are worried about prurience never seem to realise that it is the other side of the same coin as paternalistic secrecy. Treating people like children only locks them into permanently benighted immaturity ..... Page 14

LORD MACKAY

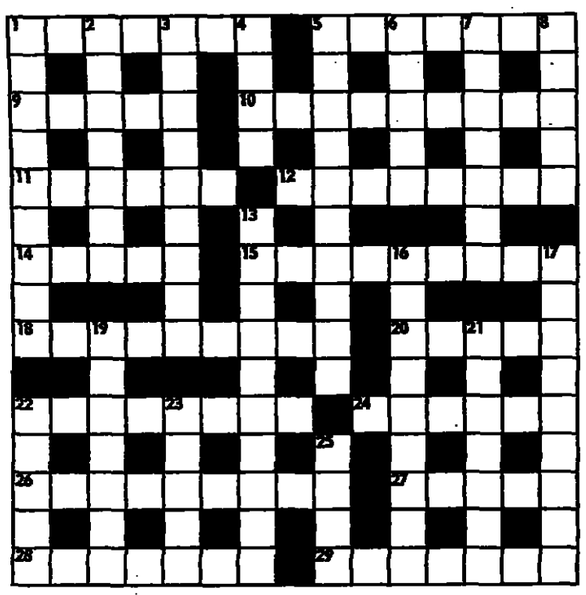
In too many areas of legal aid work lawyers are still paid by the hour... an arrangement which positively encourages the inefficient Page 14

BERNARD LEVIN

He had become number one in Wimpey somewhat less than a week after he ceased to be chairman of Barclays Bank. Uncouth people will, I suppose, wink, snort, even spit, but what is the alternative — surely we wouldn't want him to starve, would we? ..... Page 14

The President's clear-eyed social prescription felt like a soothing balm after the boot-strap exhortations of the Reagan years and the myopic theorising about private charity — *New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,134



ACROSS

1 Proposal of a seat here for Miss Bell, subject to pairing (7).
5 Small paper tag attached to idol when ordered (7).
9 Hong Kong university accepts first-class poem (5).
10 Luscious plant (9).
11 Learner motorists are out of place in this island (6).
12 Towers to be equipped with new rifles (8).
14 Soil from foxhole (5).
15 Wrongly teach girl to be lazy (9).
18 Where to ditch the old car (5-4).
20 Order 5 *ac* not to improvise (2-3).
22 Bill, a journalist, drew one's attention (8).
24 Bound to turn lightweight, say, when home (6).
26 One glass aid to sight (9).
27 Myrtle has split! (5).
28 On the way back record a loud bird — a pheasant (7).
29 The Sandhurst general's conclusion is a lot of hot air (7).

DOWN

1 They see drinks getting out of control (9).
2 Sailing ship — possibly a cutter (7).
3 Tribunals sitting on joint suit (9).
4 A point each way (4).
5 Strip for cardiac recorder? (6-4).
6 Pretend to have undisclosed resources in bank (5).
7 Taking cap off, for example, for an introduction (7).
8 They may come stoned to social engagements (5).
13 Censor obscene writer (4-6).
16 Each naval disaster occurs in the fall (9).
17 It adds to one's standing in the W. Indies list (5,4).
19 Iris the first to come into flower on a Mediterranean coast (7).
21 You can easily put your foot in it here (3-4).
22 A masquerade turns up by Greek author. . .(5).
23 . . .as does a relation in the Detroit area (5).
25 The wine is in the marquee (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,133

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Southern England will start rather cloudy with some rain and drizzle. The rain will move north during the morning over South Wales and into the southern Midlands. Clearer weather will follow from the west. Over Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England, it will be clearer with blustery showers, heavy at times. Some eastern areas may remain dry. Outlook: blustery showers in north, mainly dry in south. Wet everywhere on Sunday.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Anglesey	2.6	0.03	11	52	sunny
Aviemore	0.5	0.27	7	45	sleet
Belfast	2.5	0.05	9	48	hail
Birmingham	0.1	0.02	12	54	rain
Bognor Regis	-	0.19	11	52	drizzle
Bournemouth	-	0.22	12	54	rain
Bristol	-	1.07	12	54	rain
Buxton	-	0.40	10	50	rain
Cardiff	-	0.50	11	52	rain
Clacton	-	0.02	10	50	drizzle
Cromer	-	0.13	13	55	cloudy
Douglas	-	0.06	10	50	shower
Edinburgh	0.6	0.16	10	50	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.4	0.50	7	45	rain
Exmouth	0.6	0.09	13	55	drizzle
Falmouth	-	0.74	11	52	rain
Folkestone	-	0.10	10	50	drizzle
Glasgow	0.4	0.24	10	50	shower
Guernsey	-	0.04	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	-	0.11	10	50	drizzle
Hunstanton	-	0.07	12	54	dull
Jersey	0.1	0.01	12	54	cloudy
Kinloss	2.7	0.09	10	50	hail
Leeds	1.7	0.05	12	54	shower
Lerwick	-	0.28	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	-	0.22	11	52	rain
Liverpool	0.8	0.07	11	52	rain
London	-	0.03	13	55	dull
Lowestoft	-	0.06	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	0.4	0.25	13	55	shower
Margate	X	0.02	12	54	dull
Minehead	0.3	0.43	13	55	rain
Morecambe	1.0	0.18	9	48	rain
Newcastle	3.4	0.06	12	54	shower
Nottingham	0.6	0.04	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	-	0.15	12	54	drizzle
Plymouth	-	0.39	11	52	drizzle
Poole	-	0.24	12	54	rain
Prestwick	1.9	0.21	8	46	rain
Scarborough	-	0.04	12	54	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.8	0.28	11	52	drizzle
Shanklin	-	0.11	11	52	cloudy
Southend	X	0.01		x	xdoudy
Southsea	-	0.16		x	xrain
Stornoway	-	0.15	8	46	hail
Swanage	-	0.24	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.19	12	54	cloudy
Tenby	0.6	0.65	11	52	rain
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Torquay	-	0.54	12	54	cloudy
Weymouth	-	0.07	11	52	rain
Wick	3.4	0.03	8	46	sleet
Worthing	-	0.19	10	50	rain

X denotes not available

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Madrid	8	46	s
Alicante	16	61	s	Majorca	14	57	s
Alex'dria	18	64	f	Malaga	16	61	s
Algiers	16	61	s	Malta	16	61	s
Amst'dm	10	50	f	Melb'rne	16	61	d
Athens	15	59	s	Miami*	25	77	s
Bahrain	13	55	s	Milan	8	46	s
Bangkok	29	84	f	Montreal*	-2	28	s
Barbados*	28	82	s	Moscow	-2	28	c
Barcelna	12	54	s	Munich	10	50	f
Beirut	16	61	s	Naples	13	55	s
Belgrade	9	48	s	N Delhi	15	59	s
Berlin	9	48	s	N York*	4	39	s
Bermuda*	17	63	f	Nice	13	55	s
Biarritz	15	59	s	Oslo	6	43	s
Borde'x	13	55	f	Paris	12	54	c
Brussels	11	52	f	Peking	1	34	s
Budapest	11	52	f	Perth	31	88	s
B Aires*	28	82	s	Prague	10	50	f
Cairo	17	63	f	Reykjavik	-2	28	f
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Rhodes	16	61	s
Chicago*	1	34	f	Rio de J	28	82	f
Ch'church	20	68	s	Riyadh	7	45	r
Cologne	11	52	s	Rome	13	55	s
C'phagn	7	45	f	Salzburg	10	50	f
Corfu	13	55	s	S F'isco*	13	55	r
Dublin	12	54	c	Santiago*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	S Paulo*	21	70	s
Faro	15	59	s	Seoul	-1	30	s
Florence	7	45	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Frankfurt	12	54	f	St'kholm	5	41	s
Funchal	18	64	f	Straslb'rg	11	52	f
Geneva	6	43	s	Sydney	33	91	s
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Tangier	17	63	s
Helsinki	3	37	c	Tel Aviv	14	57	s
Hong K	11	52	f	Tenerife	19	66	c
Innsbruck	9	48	s	Tokyo	8	46	s
Istanbul	5	41	f	Toronto*	0	32	s
Jeddah	24	75	s	Tunis	16	61	c
Jo'burg*	31	88	f	Valencia	12	54	s
L Palmas	18	66	s	Vanc'ver*	6	41	r
La Tranet	11	52	s	Venice	2	36	fg
Lisbon	10	50	s	Vienna	11	52	f
Locarno	6	43	s	Warsaw	8	46	f
London	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	4	39	s
L Angels*	13	55	s	Wel'mon	21	70	s
Luxembg	10	50	c	Zurich	8	46	c
Luxor	20	68	s				

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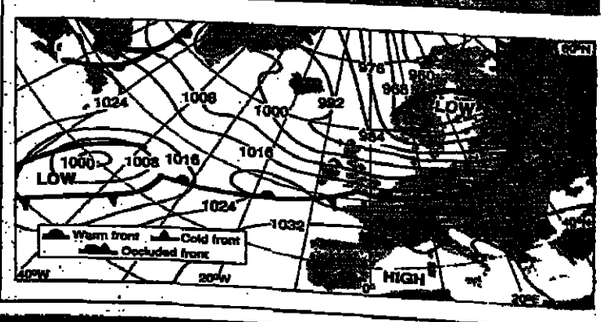
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B'mgham	8	46	f	Inverness	7	45	r
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	11	52	c	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchster	9	48	f
Edinburgh	8	46	r	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	8	46	r	R'mldeway	9	48	r

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London Bridge	1.27	6.7	1.52	6.8	Liverpool	11.02	9.1	11.26	8.8
Aberdeen	1.03	3.9	1.04	4.1	Lowestoft	9.31	2.2	9.23	2.4
Avonmouth	8.59	12.5	7.21	12.4	Margate			12.08	4.4
Belfast	10.48	3.5	11.12	3.2	Milford Haven	5.58	6.7	6.18	6.5
Cardiff	5.44	11.6	7.06	11.5	Newquay	4.49	6.7	5.08	3.7
Devonport	5.26	5.2	5.49	5.0	Oban	5.27	3.9	5.48	3.7
Dover	10.55	8.2	11.12	8.4	Penzance	4.23	5.3	4.45	5.1
Falmouth	4.56	5.0	5.19	4.8	Portland	6.25	2.0	6.48	1.8
Glasgow	12.35	4.2	12.51	4.7	Portsmouth	11.04	4.5	11.35	4.8
Harwich	11.44	3.8			Shoreham	10.55	5.9	11.24	6.0
Holyhead	10.07	5.4	10.33	5.2	Southampton	10.42	4.3	11.14	4.4
Hull	8.12	6.7	8.18	7.1	Swansea	5.56	9.0	6.17	8.9
Ilfracombe	5.44	8.8	6.04	8.6	Tees	3.31	4.8	3.39	5.1
King's Lynn	8.23	6.0	8.21	6.4	W'ton-on-Nze	11.40	4.0	11.53	4.0
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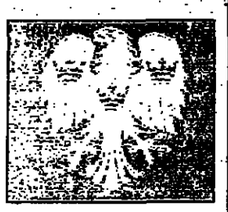


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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5172 (-0.0223)
German mark ..... 2.4521 (-0.0211)
Exchange index ..... 79.8 (-0.8)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2773.3 (+24.5)
Dow Jones ..... 3243.03 (+1.08)*
Nikkei Avg ..... 16538.68 (+28.50)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 7%
3-month Interbank 6⅝-6⅝%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.99-2.98%*
Long Bond 7.34%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5185*	£:$	1.5165
$:DM	1.6152*	£:DM	2.4489
$:SWfr	1.4805*	£:SWfr	2.2487
$:Fr	5.4580*	£:Fr	8.2690
$:Yen	124.94*	£:Yen	189.62
£:SDR	1.1212	£:ECU	1.2548

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 329.65 ..... PM 329.75
Close 329.70-330.20
New York:
Comex 329.55-330.05*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 139.2 December (2.6%)
* Denotes midday trading price



TIM BISHOP

Armed forces: butchers and bakers joined hundreds of shopworkers at a rally in Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday before marching on Parliament in support of Labour MP Ray Powell's Shops (Amendment) Bill, to reform the Sunday trading laws, which has its second reading today

Pressure grows for rate cut as pound tumbles

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

There have been yet more blows to consumer confidence, with unemployment rising more rapidly than expected and manufacturing output stagnating

AN UNEXPECTED fall in British manufacturing industry output combined, with much worse than expected unemployment figures, sent sterling tumbling again on currency markets and intensified speculation that the government will have to cut interest rates again to secure economic recovery.

Manufacturing remains stagnant or worse, in spite of the benefits of a lower pound and successive cuts in interest rates. Manufacturing output fell 0.5 per cent in the three months to November, compared with the previous quarter, and was virtually unchanged from a year ago. Even including the buoyant North Sea oil and gas business, industrial production stood only 0.2 per cent up on a year ago. The Central Statistical Office said that manufacturing is now falling at a trend rate of 1.5 per cent a year, the first time government statisticians have confirmed a downward trend since March.

"These figures were surprisingly weak," John Shepperd, of Warburg Securities, said. "Manufacturing industry has been bumping along the bottom for a year-and-a-half and there is no sign of it breaking above the surface."

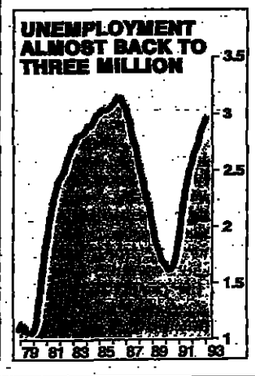
This week's batch of gloomy economic evidence has provoked renewed speculation that the Chancellor may not be able to avoid cutting interest rates for much longer. Money market interest rates have this week moved lower and future interest rates are already anticipating as much as a 1 per cent cut in base rates.

The Confederation of British Industry in its Budget submission said its top priority was a 1 per cent cut in interest rates to 6 per cent immediately, and further cuts if genuine signs of recovery remain elusive. It also urged the Chancellor not to consider raising taxes or do anything to further burden industry.

The CSO said that total production industries, including oil and gas production, had risen by 1.1 per cent in the three months to November, compared with the previous quarter, but this was entirely due to an 8.9 per cent rise in North Sea oil and gas extraction and a 2.5 per cent rise in the other energy and water supply component of output.

Sterling reacted to the economic figures, falling swiftly from about DM2.4750 before the release to DM2.4500. The pound has now lost nearly all the gains made in the new year, as investors pinned their hopes on various tentative signs that the economy had finally begun to turn round.

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Jobless total rises 61,000

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT jumped by 61,000 last month, the highest monthly increase for a year and a half, according to figures published yesterday by the government.

Ministers and officials acknowledged for the first time that the sharp increase in seasonally adjusted unemployment — much higher either than government statisticians or City analysts had forecast — was a direct consequence of the stream of large-scale redundancies since September.

Headline unemployment rose 119,270 in December to 2,983,339, but taking into account seasonal factors, the seasonally adjusted total rose 60,800 to 2,973,500.

Gillian Shephard, employment secretary, said: "These are obviously extremely difficult figures. What we are seeing coming on to the unemployment count is the result of the redundancies announced in the autumn." But Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "These figures show there is a real danger that the 90s are turning into the decade of the dole queue."

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrats economics spokes

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BA buys stake in USAir as Virgin attacks 'whitewash'

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways has paid $300 million for a 19.9 per cent stake in USAir, the American domestic carrier, finally bringing into place the key American element of the global strategy of Lord King, the BA chairman.

News of the deal, a watered-down version of one which had been thwarted by the American authorities in December, was accompanied by an announcement that the BA board had cleared Lord King, Sir Colin Marshall, his chief executive, and all directors of any involvement in the "dirty tricks" campaign against Virgin Atlantic, BA's rival on the America run.

The threat of legal action by Virgin meant that the BA statement on its dirty tricks review, which included a personal apology from Lord King, continued to fascinate City analysis.

BA's report was seen as a whitewash by Richard Branson, Virgin's founder-chairman. "For Virgin, the key issue remains the serious commercial damage to our airline over the period during which these activities were conducted," he said.

The three-part USAir deal gives BA an initial $300 million of convertible preferred stock in the American airline and three seats on the 16-director board. It has an option to invest a further $450 million in USAir in two tranches over five years.

The $750 million deal matches the original offer, aborted just before Christmas, which would have immediately given BA 44 per cent of USAir stock, but only 21 per cent of voting rights. That deal was called off after Washington signalled that it could not give BA so much influence over an American airline, unless American carriers were given "open skies" access to British airports. The American authorities cannot block the first phase of the new deal, which is subject to USAair shareholder approval.

BA directors on the USAir board will be Sir Colin, Derek Stevens, chief financial officer, and Roger Maynard, director of corporate strategy.

Meanwhile, Mr Branson said Virgin would, at BA's request, engage in discussions over the next week, and would be looking for "more concrete proposals". Mr Branson said Virgin, mindful of the evidence which emerged in preparation for the libel case than ended last week, was leaving its options open as regards further legal action.

BA's internal report, conducted by its solicitors Linklaters & Paines, into showed that there was no wide-ranging conspiracy, the board said. Underlining that the "regrettable conduct" revealed by the investigation involved only a "relatively small number" of employees, the statement said the board had received reassurances from each of its members that they did not "implement or authorise" any of the "disreputable business activities.

Virgin, which has been campaiging hard to prise take-off and landing slots away slots from BA at Heathrow, Europe's main hub airport, is pressing for slots that will allow it to open a daily service between London and San Francisco in direct competition with BA. A Civil Aviation Authority hearing is due next month over BA's doubling of its services on the same route.

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Funding tactics that raise the deficit



ANTHONY HARRIS

Does the government believe in its own inflation objectives? They are quite plausible; given the deepening world recession and the rising competition from low-cost countries, inflation is likely to remain at historically low levels for some years, even without help from the authorities. Instead, these same authorities risk undermining the confidence that is beginning to creep through the markets by their absurd funding policy.

Taxpayers must hope that funding policy is designed to minimise the future tax burden. But the issue of another £1 billion of long-dated securities to yield about 9 per cent, which is more than five percentage points above current underlying inflation, and up to seven points above the Lamont target, is either a wilful waste of revenue, or implies an official inflation forecast of more than 5 per cent. Indeed, given the current low inflation rate, it is a forecast of a rise above 6 per cent within the term of these bonds.

The numbers are simple. Indexed gilts now yield less than 4 per cent; and the implied inflation forecast, like that of the market, is the difference between indexed and conventional yields. On the other hand, if the Lamont target of 2 to 2.5 per cent inflation were to be achieved, the new long issue would impose a real tax burden of up to £70 million a year. If the whole prospective deficit were funded in this style (which is fortunately unthinkable), it would add more than £3 billion to the annual debt service burden for the next couple of decades.

Those in charge would indignantly deny all this, of course, just as they have at similar times in the past. The peak was touched in 1980 (or was it early 1981?), when they issued a huge tranche of 20-year stock to yield more than 16 per cent. Inflation had been pushed temporarily to 22 per cent by the Thatcher VAT, but the official aim was zero inflation. My newspaper attacked this policy savagely, so I was summoned to Threadneedle Street to listen to the usual alibis. The rates were set by the market; the institutions were short of long-dated stocks; borrowers can't be choosers. "Anyway," the official briefer concluded angrily, "what's all the fuss about? It's at a large negative real interest rate." I thanked him for revealing the Bank's long-term inflation forecast. "I haven't given you that ... Dear me, I suppose I have."

Indexed gilts were launched soon after, and were made generally available about 11 years ago. From then on, the borrower could be chooser, and conventional gilt yields came down with a spectacular run, especially at the long end. Then, for a time, the borrowing stopped altogether.

It is only now that we discover that the Bank's Bourbons were only biding their time. Faced with another large borrowing requirement, they have forgotten nothing, and learned nothing. They can no longer pretend that there is a negative real interest rate involved; the cost case is forbiddingly clear, but the old arguments evidently overriding.

Apart from the supposed demands of the institutions, these include a reluctance to crowd out corporate borrowers, who seem interested in the short end, and one new one: the supposed difficulty of selling really large indexed issues. There is also an unhealthy willingness to listen to the young fogies among the brokers, who, it is argued, would panic if the government chickened out of the long-dated market. This is objective nonsense; the economists who advise some of the biggest gilts market-makers are the loudest critics of present follies. It is really only the old argument against indexed stocks, that they would imply that the government had given up the fight. In fact, of course, a government bent on low inflation shows conviction, not cowardice, when it offers investors a guarantee against inflation. A refusal to commit itself to silly coupon rates would carry the same message.

There is also a hidden agenda: high debt service burdens put extra pressure on the government to cut its deficit. The Bank may not be independent, but it still does not trust Whitehall, and tries to run the government covertly. We need an American division of labour: the central bank looks after money, and the Treasury raises official funds through tax or borrowing.

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Abell cleared by DTI of any concert party share deals

■ A five-year enquiry has criticised non-executive directors of the industrial holding company for allowing the buying of shares by Mr Abell and Suter on the same day

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

DAVID Abell, chairman of Suter, the industrial conglomerate, has been cleared by the trade and industry department of any involvement in illegal concert parties dealing in shares of six companies quoted on the stock market.

The investigation, which began in July 1988 with the appointment of inspectors by the DTI, has found no evidence of a concert party dealing in shares of James Neill Holdings, FH Lloyd Holdings, Francis Industries, Metal Closures, Winchmore and Mersey Docks and Harbour Company. A concert party is a collection of individuals who work together in their share dealings. Failure to announce the existence of such an arrangement is an offence under the Companies Act.

But David Evans and Brian Worth, the inspectors, criticised some aspects of the share dealings by Mr Abell, his associates and Suter. Malcolm Reynolds, John Crosland and Richard Rimington, Suter's then non-executive directors, were also attacked over their role in respect of Metal Closures, where both Mr Abell and Suter itself bought shares on the same day in 1987.

The inspectors said the non-executives "failed in their duties to their shareholders" by allowing Suter to buy the stake.

The report said the six companies had one common feature. Suter and/or Mr Abell, described in the report as "an intelligent man and an experienced dealer in shares," had at one time within the past seven years bought a big stake, either for investment or to mount a full bid.

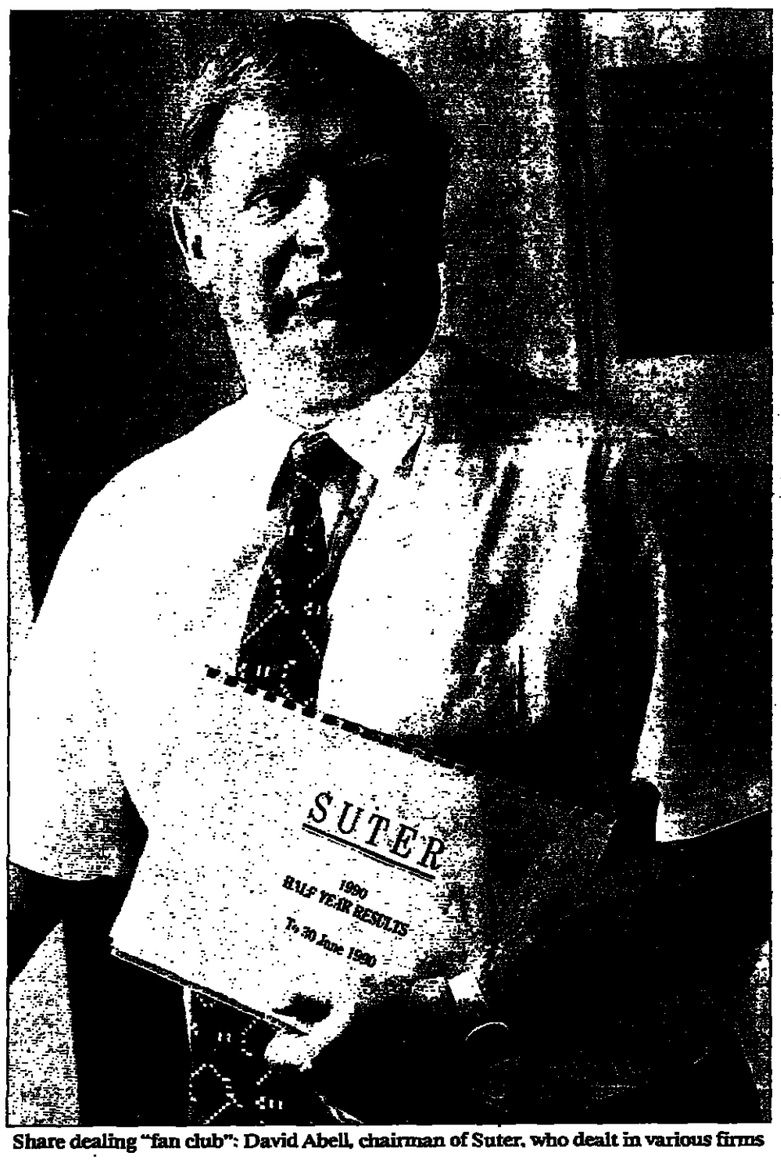
There were definite connections found between the various protagonists. "We consider there to be obvious evidence as to the operation of a 'David Abell fan club,' " the inspectors conclude, but there was no evidence this fan club became a concert party.

They suggested a possible amendment of the law to widen the definition of a concert party. They also examined the relationship between Mr Abell and Michael Somerset-Leeke, chairman of Winchmore and a former senior partner of Coni Gilbert & Sankey, the broker, and described as the "motivating force" in the fan club, during their dealings in Metal Closures shares.

The activities of four Swiss investment banks that refused to disclose the ultimate owner of certain blocks of shares were unhelpful to the enquiry. "This has delayed our enquiries and may well have caused us to suspect that the reason for the secrecy was some illegal act such as the existence of an undisclosed concert party when nothing of the sort existed," the inspectors said.

Suter welcomed the findings. A formal statement claimed the inspectors were in error on a number of points, although the company refused to elaborate. Mr Abell was unavailable for comment.

Nigel Blythe-Tinker, company secretary, said: "We're disappointed that it's taken such a long time to get to this stage." He said Suter had no way of knowing whether any investigations under the Financial Services Act were continuing into possible insider trading in the shares of the various companies.A DTI spokesman said the department never discussed investigations into possible insider trading.



Share dealing "fan club": David Abell, chairman of Suter, who dealt in various firms

PizzaExpress seeks listing

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

THE PizzaExpress chain, founded in Soho, London, in the sixties, is coming to market by a reversal into the quoted Star Computer Group, the latter also announcing a turnround into profit.

The total price for the restaurant chain and G&F Group, its main franchisee, is £14.6 million, paid for through a mixture of new ordinary shares, cash and a loan note. Of the total consideration, £4.5 million will be through the issue to the vendors of new ordinary shares at 40p. The cash and loan note element will be via a placing of 24.4 million shares to raise £9.8 million.

Star also announced a 3-for-2 rights issue, at 40p a share, to raise £4.1 million. After completion, Star's name will be changed to PizzaExpress PLC, with the computing business becoming a subsidiary.

David Blechner, chairman of Star, said the deal would allow the computer company to enter the fast-expanding restaurant and catering market. Peter Boizot, founder and chairman of PizzaExpress, has featured international jazz musicians at some outlets. He said he believed substantial benefits would accrue from combining the operating management of the company and G&F.

On completion of the deal, Mr Boizot will be chairman of the enlarged group, and will have a 14.9 per cent stake.

David Page and John Metcalfe, who as directors of G&F have between them 32 years experience of managing PizzaExpress restaurants, will become managing director and group operations director respectively.

EC 'must delegate more' on mergers

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

SIR Sydney Lipworth, the outgoing chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, said the European Commission was in danger of taking on more competition work than it could handle. He wants the EC to delegate more to national competition authorities.

The EC competition authorities, he said, should take on only competition issues with Europe-wide implications; everything else should be handled at national level.

Sir Sydney revealed that the MMC's workload shrank last year as the recession limited UK takeover activity. The MMC published 17 reports, compared with 21 in 1991 and 35 in 1990.

Seven merger reports were completed, two of which raised the question of split jurisdiction between the UK and the EC: they covered the rival bids from Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Lloyds Bank for Midland, and Tarmac's proposed merger with Steetley.

HSBC fell within EC merger regulation and was cleared as not raising competition concerns. The Lloyds bid fell within UK jurisdiction and was referred.

A bid by Redland for Steetley came within the UK remit, while the proposed merger of Tarmac and Steetley came under Brussels jurisdiction. At the government's request, the Tarmac case was referred back to the UK and was cited by Sir Leon Britton, then competition commissioner, as a useful example of subsidiarity.

Sir Sydney called for a separation of EC powers, with an independent body to adjudicate on mergers and competition issues. At present, the same EC unit decides whether to look into issues, and conducts investigations.

He recommended a system similar to the UK's, under which the Office of Fair Trading decides on issues to be investigated, then hands them over to the MMC.

Before he stepped down, Sir Leon put forward proposals that would increase the EC's remit by lowering the turnover threshold, while passing more cases back to national bodies.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Airtours bookings on the increase

DAVID Crossland, chairman of Airtours, the holiday operator bidding £210 million for its rival Owners Abroad, yesterday cheered shareholders at the company's annual meeting with healthy bookings figures. "We are now in our peak booking season and the current level of demand is very encouraging," he said. Bookings for winter 1992-3 and summer 1993 were up 17 per cent and 7 per cent respectively against the same time a year ago, he added, and trading at the end of the first quarter of the current year was in line with budget.

He returned to the attack on the Owners Abroad bid, asking that Owners' shareholders be given the make-up of the "disappointing" pre-tax profits in the last financial year, along with assurances that it was not boosted by any exceptional or non-recurring profits.

Jaguar moves up a gear

JAGUAR, now a subsidiary of Ford, expects world sales to increase by 25 per cent to 28,300 this year, helped by growth in exports to North America. A line-up of new cars, starting with the XJ12 due in February, an improvement in product quality and aggressive marketing boosted American sales in the final quarter of last year, the company said. However, world sales fell by 12.4 per cent to 22,478 in 1992. In America, Jaguar is testing a 30-day buy back guarantee in four regions, while sales in Germany are also improving. Despite the much higher sales figures, it remains uncertain whether Jaguar can make a profit in 1993 after a run of loss-making years.

London Scottish ahead

LONDON Scottish Bank has made the most of the recession. A 52 per cent boost to its third party debt collection profits helped the Manchester consumer finance group to lift pre-tax profits 23.5 per cent to £3.85 million for the year to end-October. The increase puts London Scottish back on the growth track again after a 19 per cent fall in profits in 1991. Profits from third party debt collection rose 52 per cent to £1 million and account for 26 per cent of total profits. The company also managed to raise profits in its consumer credit business from £1.12 million to £1.5 million from virtually the same level of business. The final dividend is up 9.3 per cent to 2.05p, making 3p for the year, a 9 per cent rise.

Shoprite seeks £9.8m

SHOPRITE Group, the discount foodstore, is raising £9.8 million to fund its expansion in Scotland. Shares will be placed with institutions and offered to shareholders on the basis of one new share at 645p for every nine held. Existing shares rose 70p to 738p. Shoprite, based in Douglas, Isle of Man, began its Scottish operation in 1990 with the purchase of a Glasgow distribution centre. The company now sees its Scottish division as its main trading activity and the key to expansion. It plans to open 22 stores in the current year. The founding Nicholson family, which has a 60.7 per cent stake, has agreed not to subscribe for its entitlement to new shares.

Housebuilder slips

RETURNING confidence in the housing market this summer was eroded by Black Wednesday and the reimposition of stamp duty, leaving home sales at London & Clydeside, the Scottish housebuilder, 10 per cent lower in the year to end-September. Pre-tax profits fell to £404,000 (£1.82 million). The final dividend is almost halved to 2.7p, making a total 2.5p lower at 4.5p. This payment was still uncovered by earnings per share that fell from 14.9p to 2.9p. Unit sales since the financial year-end were running at the same level as the previous year, and with margins under pressure the group is not expecting a return to better results in the first half.

Colefax cuts payout



COLEFAX and Fowler, the home furnishings company headed by David Green, chief executive, right, has cut the interim dividend to 0.5p from 1.3p, after incurring losses of £192,000 in the six months to October 31, against profits of £505,000. There was a loss of 0.76p a share, against earnings of 2p. Group turnover eased from £14.8 million to £13.9 million. Mr Green said sales of wallpaper and furniture in Britain were slightly down and the group also suffered in France and in America.

Rubicon advances

RUBICON Group, the shopfitting group formerly known as Courtney Pope, has returned to the dividend list with an interim payment of 1.5p a share. In the six months to November 30, pre-tax profits rose to £1.22 million from £963,000. Earnings were 7.6p a share, fully diluted. There is no comparable figure for 1991, after last year's capital reconstruction. Operating profits held firm at £1.26 million, against £1.23 million, on turnover up from £9.2 million to £10.42 million. At the pre-tax level profits benefited from a reduction in interest charges from £262,000 to £45,000. The board planned to proceed with a policy of controlled expansion.

Fimbra suspensions rise

THE Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association fined 127 firms a total of £201,000 last year. The regulator also suspended 254 firms, twice as many as in 1991, according to a digest of statistics published yesterday. Since it started work in 1988, Fimbra has revoked the authorisation of 817 firms and its investigations have led to 53 criminal prosecutions. None of the 44 appeals against disciplinary proceedings in the last two years was successful. Fimbra's arbitration scheme has dealt with 180 cases resulting in awards to investors of £1.36 million. Of these 53 concerned home income schemes.

Boeing on standby against threat to orders by Airbus

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THE prospect of a fresh US-UK trade war in the airline industry arose yesterday as Airbus Industrie, the European consortium, reportedly opened another attack to capture aircraft orders from Boeing.

Airbus is said to want to persuade United Airlines, America's second largest carrier, to switch from Boeing 747s and 777s to the four-engined A320 jets, of which Airbus has a surplus after cancellations by Northwest, the troubled US carrier, and GPA, the Irish leasing group.

United broke a 14-year exclusive relationship with Boeing last July when it ordered 100 planes from Airbus in a $3 billion deal and is now in talks with Boeing to delay or cancel some orders as part of cutbacks in the face of mounting losses.

An Airbus spokeswoman said: "United is an Airbus customer and as such we are always in discussion. We think the A340 is a good product and would fit perfectly with United's fleet but we are not attempting to seize United's existing orders with Boeing. Every sales campaign between the big three is aggressive and there is nothing going on with United Airlines that is out of the ordinary," she added.

Industry sources say any bold action by Airbus could make Boeing ask the US government to reactivate trade sanctions for unfair pricing. Boeing suspected Airbus of using allegedly unfair pricing when it captured the last United deal.

American plane makers say Airbus has an unfair advantage from government subsidies allowing orders to be priced below costs.

The depth of the recession, which has sparked cut-throat competition among aircraft makers, was underlined on Wednesday when AMR, parent of American Airlines announced a second year of losses, finishing 1992 with a $935 million deficit.

United will unveil annual figures next week, but yesterday announced plans to raise $1.5 billion in fresh capital.

☐ Boeing has started assembly of its 777 wide-body twinjet. Boeing's commercial airplane group said the 777 division near Everett, Washington State, had begun work on the first wing spar. Final assembly of the first airplane is scheduled for completion later this year, with rollout in March 1994. First delivery of the aircraft is to United Airlines, scheduled for May 1995. Boeing currently has 118 firm orders for the aircraft.

Mercury signals mobile price contest

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

A MOBILE telephone price war is looming as Mercury prepares to launch its low-cost service to domestic customers and small businesses in the middle of the year.

Mercury's Personal Communications Network, a joint venture with US West, is to be launched in the area within London's orbital M25 motorway in the next few months, and there are plans to make it a national service by the end of the decade.

Mercury has not yet set its tariffs for the service. But it has reached agreement with BT over what BT will charge its customers for calls to the new PCN phones.

The BT "band D" charges will be 15.25p a minute, excluding VAT, for a peak rate call, falling to 7.17p cheap rate. That compares with its "band M", 33.1p a minute cost of a peak rate call to a Cellnet or Vodafone phone in the M25 area and 22.1p cheap rate.

Mercury said PCN tariffs would be cheaper than cellular as the service would not only be competing with existing mobile phone operators, but also targeting domestic and small business customers who cannot afford cellular phones. The company is expected to introduce a range of tariffs.

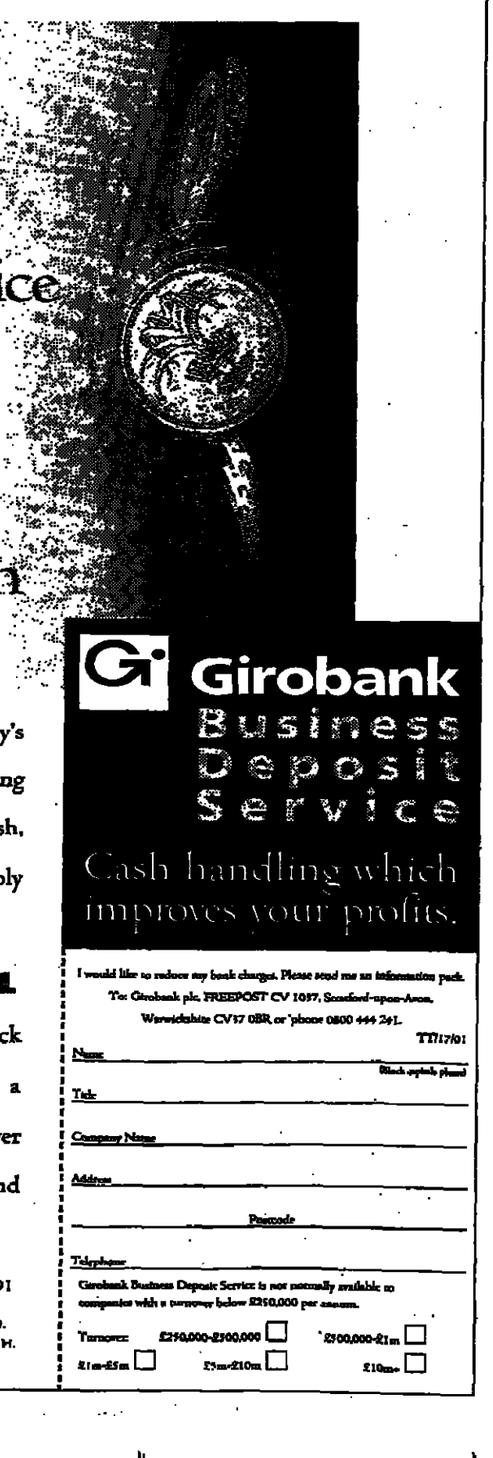
The charges will not be the same as BT's. A peak rate BT local call is 4.38p a minute, its peak long distance rate, 13p.

Cellnet said Mercury's low tariffs would make it harder to generate enough revenue to pay back the cost of building the new network. That would mean a prolonged payback period. The cost of the initial Mercury PCN launch in the South East is understood to be around £240 million.

Cellnet is launching its own digital GSM service in the middle of the year, with pricing that will make it "competitive" with PCN and with the new Vodafone service.

Vodafone launched its GSM service last year, and plans a cheap, local version later in the year.

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Further losses in 1992 are forecast by Lloyd's analyst

BY SARAH BAGNALL

■ Analysts estimate that Lloyd's of London will have lost more than £5 billion by next year, compared with members' total declared assets of £6.7 billion.

HOPES that 1992 would see a return to profits at the Lloyd's of London insurance market have been dampened by predictions of continued losses from Chatset, an independent firm of Lloyd's analysts.

The expectation of a loss, the size of which, Chatset says, cannot yet be estimated, partly results from Hurricane Andrew, which caused severe damage in Florida last August. The firm estimates that the cost to Lloyd's will be $1 billion, out of a total of $16 billion.

Chatset's figures are in stark contrast with underwriters' predictions of a profit for the 1992 year of account, on the basis of strongly rising premium rates.

Charles Sturge, co-editor of Chatset's *Lloyd's League Tables*, said that although premium rates had risen during 1992, the resulting improvements in loss ratios were not enough to turn the market round. Lloyd's made a record loss of £2.1 billion for 1989. Mr Sturge said: "The premium base for the market is inadequate to meet the volume of claims coming through. Rates have got to increase further."

Chatset has also increased loss forecasts for 1990 and 1991. The prediction for 1990 is a loss of £1.6 billion, compared with last year's estimate of £1.1 billion; and for 1991 a loss of at least £1 billion, compared with £750 million.

The 1991 estimates vary markedly from forecasts made by Lloyd's last year that there would be a "pure year" profit for 1991 of £400 million. The inclusion of reinsurance of old years in the figures would turn this into a small loss.

Chatset estimates that losses for the four years 1988 to 1991 will total £5 billion, compared with the £6.7 billion of assets declared by the 22,000 Lloyd's names.

It predicts that in July, names will face cash calls of about £1.5 billion. They have already paid £273 million in advance cash calls, and many are under severe financial pressure.

The predictions of worsening losses for the 1990 and 1991 years of account result from faster than expected deterioration in the third year that the 1990 account remains open *and* the second year of 1991. Added to this are additional losses from 1989 catastrophes such as Hurricane Hugo, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker disaster and the Philips Refinery explosion in Pasadena.

Mr Sturge added a warning that the 1990 and 1991 losses could deteriorate further. He hoped Lloyd's would not be reporting record losses in June, when the 1990 year of account results are announced. He said the earliest projection for a return to profits was 1993 and many names would not receive cheques from Lloyd's before 1996.

London defends European futures mastery



PETER TREMAYNE

Ringing start: Eddie George, deputy governor of the Bank of England (top, centre, by the bell), launched a German bond contract at the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe), stepping up the battle for European futures business. The medium-term German government bond future will compete with an almost identical contract listed on the Frankfurt-based Deutsche Terminbörse.

Rumours of bid hamper Lucas hunt

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE search for a new chief executive at Lucas Industries is being hampered by the continuing bid rumours surrounding the engineer.

Several candidates have been interviewed, drawn from existing executives and outside, but the company is no nearer to finding a replacement for Tony Edwards, the former heir-apparent who quit late last year.

Lucas is one of the City's favourite bid stocks at present, with BTR, Hanson and several German concerns mentioned as predator. Sir Anthony Gill, the chairman and the man Mr Edwards had been expected to replace as chief executive, accepted that the rumours were an unwelcome distraction.

However, he accepted that the company had to put in place preparations for a bid defence, including the selection of Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, to examine all potential bidders.

Privately, Lucas executives know that one of the main planks of any offer document will be the question of Sir Anthony's successor.

Barclays to appoint chief executive

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE hunt is on for a new chief executive for Barclays Bank after Andrew Buxton, who took over as chairman and chief executive this month, confirmed he plans to bow to shareholders' demands and split his job in two.

Mr Buxton became chief executive in April last year, after Sir John Quinton announced his intention to step down. Before April he was deputy chairman and managing director of Barclays.

A Barclays spokeswoman said the role will be split "in the context of the senior management structure" of the bank. In 1991, it was reorganised into three divisions, banking; securities under BZW; and service businesses.

Potential candidates for the job include Alastair Robinson, head of banking; David Band, who heads BZW; Joseph De Feo, the American who heads Barclays' services businesses; and Peter Wood, finance director.

An internal appointment is believed to be most likely as Mr Buxton is unlikely to want to disturb the bank's management structure. Mr Buxton told of his decision to separate the two top jobs in a letter to Barclays senior executives last week. He said that while he believes Barclays has had in place, for some time, the checks and balances that the Cadbury report on corporate governance recommends, shareholders have expressed concern about whether one person can manage both jobs "given the wide range of types and geographical location of businesses in our group".

He said: "I am anxious not to upset the group structure, which is settling down and becoming better understood, but, nevertheless, I have taken notice of what our shareholders think and I will be taking steps to split the responsibilities."

In the letter he also warned that the bank's profits for the second half year would not match the 16 per cent leap seen in the first half. He said mistakes were made in the 1980s and said bad debts and provisions would dominate the results.

He also encouraged staff to look forward to a better year in 1993 than in 1992, but said it will be a year of recovery not of prosperity.

Albert Fisher bids for Hunter

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE Albert Fisher Group has emerged as the mystery bidder for Hunter Saphir, the fellow food group, after unveiling a recommended £29.3 million offer for the fresh produce, herbs and spices company.

This is the first significant deal that has been engineered by Stephen Walls since he took over as chairman of the food processing and distribution group that is based in Windsor, Berkshire, in an attempt to restore credibility after the departure of Tony Millar last July.

Albert Fisher Group is offering 42p per Hunter Saphir ordinary share and 100p for each preference share, and will put Nicholas Saphir, who is the chairman and chief executive of the bid target, in charge of its European fresh produce division.

Directors of Hunter Saphir have already agreed to sell their shares to Albert Fisher, which speaks for about 34.1 per cent of the company. This includes Berisford International's 18.9 per cent stake. Albert Fisher will also take on about £10 million of Hunter Saphir debts.

Mr Walls said: "The acquisition of Hunter Saphir is a logical step in implementing our strategy, strengthening the group's market position by improving the worldwide sourcing and United Kingdom distribution capabilities of the enlarged European fresh produce division."



Walls: first big deal

Hunter Saphir distributes fruit to supermarkets as well as its involvement with herbs and spices, with about 85 per cent of group sales relating to fresh produce.

Hunter's shares, which were temporarily suspended at 36p late on Wednesday after confirmation of "advanced discussions with a third party", have seen a recovery after their recent low of 27p.

Last month, Hunter Saphir halved its interim dividend to 0.5p (1p) when it reported a fall in first half profits to £1 million (£1.82 million), on turnover of £101 million (£106 million). Pre-tax profits in the year to the end of February last year fell to £2.5 million (£4.9 million).

Hunter Saphir shares advanced 6p to 42p yesterday, while Albert Fisher held steady at 69p.

Jobless total rises 61,000

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man, described the increase as "an avalanche", while for the unions, Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, called the figures a "national disgrace."

The increase, the 32nd monthly rise in succession, is the largest since July 1991, when unemployment rose 69,600.

Total unemployment is the highest since February 1987, and the unemployment rate, which rose to 10.5 per cent, is also the highest for almost six years.

Unemployment has now increased by 1,378,000, or 86 per cent, since first turning upwards in April 1990. The number out of work increased in all regions last month, with the largest percentage rises recorded in the East Midlands, East Anglia and the north.

However, a third of the total rise in unemployment last month occurred in the South-east, maintaining the fact that the South, including London, has suffered the worst rises over the past 12 months.

Looking over the longer term, UK unemployment has risen by an average of 41,500 over the past six months and 43,400 in the three months to December, with both the three-monthly and six-monthly averages now rising more rapidly than at any time over the past year.

Vacancies rose 8,300 to 109,100, the largest increase for a year.

The only good news for the government came in figures for the increase in average earnings, though the current rise is still considerably in advance of the inflation rate. Average earnings across the whole economy rose by 5 per cent, down 0.25 of a point on the revised figure for October. The increase marks the lowest rate since the current series of figures began in 1980.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

CHATEAUGAY CORPORATION,
REOMAR, INC.,
THE LTV CORPORATION, et al.,
Debtors.

In Proceedings For A Reorganization Under Chapter 11.
Case Nos. 86 B 11270 (BRL)
Through 86 B 11334 (BRL)
Inclusive, 86 B 11402 (BRL)
and 86 B 11464 (BRL)

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DEBTORS' DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO: ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED DEBTORS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 17, 1993 (the "Hearing Date") at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 623 of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408, a hearing (the "Hearing") will be held before the Honorable Burton R. Lifland, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, to consider the entry of an order being sought by the Debtors which:

(1) finds that the information contained in the Debtors' Disclosure Statement Pursuant to Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code filed by The LTV Corporation and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), as it may be further modified or amended (the "Disclosure Statement"), is "adequate information" as such term is defined in § 1125 (a) (1) of the Bankruptcy Code;

(2) approves the Disclosure Statement;

(3) except as otherwise provided herein, authorizes the Debtors or their designated agents, pursuant to § 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, to (i) transmit copies of the Disclosure Statement, The LTV Second Modified Joint Plan of Reorganization as it may be further modified, amended or superseded (the "Plan"), and related documents to all known holders of impaired claims against and impaired interests in the Debtors and (ii) solicit acceptances of the Plan from holders of impaired claims against and impaired interests in the Debtors;

(4) (a) directs that all banks, brokers or other nominee record holders who are not the beneficial owners of the Debtors' stock, bonds, debentures, notes or other securities (collectively, the "Securities"), pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3017 (c), transmit a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan and related documents, including an appropriate ballot form and instructions for returning ballots, to each beneficial owner of such Securities at such beneficial owner's last known address, and (b) establishes a date by which all such nominee record holders must provide the Debtors with a completed master ballot certifying the transmission of such documents and tabulating the votes of such beneficial holders;

(5) fixes the Hearing Date (or such later date as may be designated by the court) as the "record date" for determining which of the (a) holders of claims asserted against any of the Debtors, (b) holders of equity securities of the Debtors, and (c) holders of public debt securities of any of the Debtors, are affected by the Plan and are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan;

(6) fixes voting procedures for holders of impaired claims, pursuant to which, among other things,

(a) a claim that has been filed against any of the Debtors in a liquidated amount and that is not the subject of an objection filed by any of the Debtors, shall be allowed, solely for the purpose of voting on the Plan and not for any other purpose, in the amount in which such claim has been filed or such other amount as may be agreed upon between the claimant and the Debtors and announced at the Hearing or described in the Disclosure Statement;

(b) a claim listed on any of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities but which is not listed therein as contingent, unliquidated or disputed, and which has not been superseded by a proof of claim, shall be allowed, solely for the purpose of voting on the Plan and not for any other purpose, in the amount in which such claim has been scheduled, except (i) as otherwise provided herein or by further order of the Court or (ii) as may be agreed upon between the claimant and the Debtors and announced at the Hearing or described in the Disclosure Statement;

(c) a claim against any of the Debtors which is asserted in an undetermined amount or is the subject of a pending objection filed by any of the Debtors shall be provisionally disallowed and the holder thereof shall not be entitled to vote on the Plan, except (i) to the extent that the Debtors have acknowledged in a pleading filed with the Court that such claim should be allowed in a particular amount, (ii) as otherwise provided herein or by further order of the Court or (iii) as may be agreed upon between the claimant and the Debtors and announced at the Hearing or described in the Disclosure Statement;

(d) it is assumed that substantive consolidation of the Debtors into five Debtor groups (i.e., the Parent Group, the Steel Group, the Aerospace Group, the Energy Group and the AM General Group) will be granted, and therefore the voting, as proposed by the Debtors subject to Court approval, will be structured such that (i) an entity holding duplicative claims against more than one Debtor within a consolidated Debtor group shall vote one claim (in a non-aggregated amount), (ii) an entity holding non-duplicative claims against more than one Debtor within a consolidated Debtor group shall vote one omnibus claim (in the aggregate amount of all such non-duplicative claims), (iii) an entity holding a claim against any Debtor within a consolidated Debtor group and which also holds a related guaranty for indemnity claim against any other Debtor within such group shall not be entitled to vote such guaranty or indemnity claim, and (iv) intercompany claims between Debtors within a substantively consolidated Debtor group shall be provisionally disallowed and shall not be entitled to vote;

(e) subject to the provisions of subparagraph (d) above, an entity holding more than one claim in a particular class against a Debtor (including claims obtained by transfer pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001 (e)) shall vote one claim in the aggregate amount of all such claims;

(f) holders of "Retiree Benefit Claims", consisting of former salaried employees (or their beneficiaries) of LTV Steel Company, Inc. and its predecessors and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Steel Companies") and/or The LTV Corporation, for whom the Debtors have filed or will file prior to the Disclosure Statement Hearing an amendment to their schedules of liabilities for the purpose of listing retiree benefit claims that might potentially be held by such former salaried employees (collectively, the "Steel/Parent Retirees"), solely for the purpose of voting on the Plan and not for any other purpose, shall each be deemed to have a single claim in the applicable employee classes in the aggregate amount of (i) $2,250, which is the Debtors' pro rated estimate of their maximum liability in respect of Retiree Benefit Claims, plus (ii) all other allowed claims held by such Steel/Parent Retiree relating to pension or other employee or retiree benefits, other than workers' compensation claims (which are being treated separately under the Plan);

(g) holders of certain series of pollution control revenue bonds, also known as "mirror bonds" (the "Revenue Bonds") which are secured by first mortgage bonds (the "First Mortgage Bonds") shall each have a vote in respect of the Revenue Bonds held by such holder; to avoid duplication, the holders of the First Mortgage Bonds shall not be entitled to vote;

(h) the Debtors shall be authorized to accept as a vote only originally signed ballots and master ballots sent by mail (i.e., not by facsimile transmission) or delivered to a location designated by the Debtors; and

(i) the Debtors reserve their right to seek approval of the Court, at or before the conclusion of the Hearing, of additional or different voting procedures relating to the impaired claims held by any particular creditors, including, without limitation, the Pension Benefit Guaranty corporation;

(7) authorizes the Debtors and their agents to receive and count ballots cast with respect to the Plan;

(8) schedules a hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan;

(9) fixes a date by which all objections, if any, to confirmation of the Plan shall be filed with the Court;

(10) authorizes the Debtors, for reasons of economy, to elect not to mail copies of the Disclosure Statement and Plan to certain holders of small claims or interests (i.e., claims under $100 or interests involving not more than 100 shares of stock) whose acceptance of the Plan the Debtors may elect not to seek;

(11) authorizes the Debtors to discontinue sending any notices, documents or distribution checks to any holders of claims whose copy of the Amended Notice has been returned to the Debtors as undeliverable and who have not provided the Debtors with written notice of a new mailing address; and

(12) grants such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN. ACCEPTANCES MAY NOT BE SOLICITED UNTIL THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Disclosure Statement is on file with the Bankruptcy Court and may be examined by interested parties during that office's regular business hours. Copies of the Disclosure Statement may also be obtained, upon written or telephonic request, from The LTV Corporation, et al., P.O. Box 94660, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-4660, telephone number (216) 622-4660, Attn: John L. Kacergis.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that creditors may be affected by more than one of the voting procedures sought by the Debtors. Creditors who have questions concerning the voting procedures or the effect such procedures will have on their vote may call a representative of the Debtors at (216) 622-4660 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on any business day prior to the conclusion of the applicable voting period.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the approval of the Disclosure Statement, the voting procedures or any of the other relief being sought by the Debtors must be in writing, must state with particularity the grounds therefor, must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before February 8, 1993 and must be served upon the following parties so as to be actually received by them not later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 1993: (a) co-counsel for the Debtors, Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, 425 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Michael J. Cramer, Esq. and Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Karen E. Wagner, Esq.; (b) co-counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of LTV Steel Company, Inc., Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, 7 Hanover Square, New York, New York 10004, Attn: Mark A. Speiser, Esq., and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, 299 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10171, Attn: Harold S. Novikoff, Esq.; (c) counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of The LTV Corporation, Blank, Rome, Comisky & McCauley, 1200 Penn Center Plaza, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, Attn: Raymond L. Shapiro, Esq.; (d) co-counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of LTV Aerospace and Defense Company, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, 2445 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, Attn: William J. Perlstein, Esq. and Herzog Calamari & Gleason, 100 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Carla E. Craig, Esq., (e) counsel for the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders of The LTV Corporation, Warshaw, Burstein, Cohen, Schlesinger & Kuh, 555 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Edgar H. Booth, Esq.; (f) counsel for the Official Committee of LTV Steel Company, Inc. Salaried Retirees, Walter, Haverfield, Beuscher & Chockley, 1215 Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, Attn: Charles T. Riehl, Esq.; (g) counsel for the Unofficial Committee of Institutional Lenders, O'Melveny & Myers, Citicorp Center, 153 East 53rd Street, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Joel B. Zweibel, Esq.; and (h) Harold Jones, Esq., United States Trustee, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10004-1408.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that except as otherwise indicated herein, upon approval of the Disclosure Statement by the Bankruptcy Court, holders of impaired claims against and impaired interests in the Debtors will thereafter receive a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan and various documents related thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Hearing to consider approval of the Disclosure Statement may be adjourned from time to time without further notice to creditors or other parties in interest other than by an announcement in the Bankruptcy Court of such adjournment on the date scheduled for the Hearing.

Dated: New York, New York
January 15, 1993

BY ORDER OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT
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Shell criticises state of world oil tanker fleet

A FIFTH of the world's oil tankers should be scrapped, according to Shell International, part of the Royal Dutch/Shell group (Reuter reports).

"Shell inspections show that about 20 per cent of tankers are sub-standard and should not be chartered," the company says. "The ability of such ships to continue trading instead of being forced into the scrapyard is delaying the recovery in freight rates."

Shell estimates that more than half the world's 3,250 tankers are more than 15 years old and says low freight rates are preventing shipowners from earning the $200 billion needed to update the aging fleet.

"Many classification societies and flag state administrators have placed more emphasis on the size of their respective fleets than policing *safety standards*," it says. If standards are raised, shipowners move their fleets to another society or flag.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has sharply attacked the state of the world's tankers. "Shipping casualty rates and the amount of sub-standard shipping ... is an international disgrace," he said recently. "The evidence that many flag states are failing in their responsibilities is incontrovertible."

Mr MacGregor said it was up to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) to establish standards, as regulation needed to be on a worldwide basis. But the IMO had only limited power to enforce standards.

An EC Commission is due to issue a statement on maritime safety shortly, and Mr MacGregor said an increasing number of EC member states seemed prepared to contemplate radical action on *sub-standard shipping in* Community waters.

ICI swaps plant assets with BASF

By Colin Campbell

ICI, in an extension of its "swap shop" philosophy, is acquiring BASF's West European acrylics business with annual sales of £60 million, while selling to BASF its polypropylene businesses in Western Europe that have an annual turnover of £135 million.

The difference in value between the two assets will be recognised by a cash payment by BASF to ICI, the size of which has to be determined, but which is likely to be in the *tens of millions* of pounds.

ICI's purchase includes plants at Mainz, Germany, *and near Barcelona, Spain*, which employ 400 people, and is a further step in its *strategy of building a globally* competitive position in acrylics manufacture. Current annual ICI *turnover in acrylics* is about £300 million. The plants ICI is acquiring have capacities of 21,000 tonnes of granules and 13,000 tonnes of semi-finished products, and will complement plants in Asia Pacific, North America and Britain.

In April 1992, ICI bought Du Pont's US-based acrylics business, though this deal has yet to be cleared by American regulatory authorities.

BASF acquires ICI plants at Rozenburg, Netherlands, and Wilton, Cleveland, which have an aggregate annual capacity *of 300,000 tonnes a year*. About 530 employees are affected, who will transfer to *the new owner on completion*.

Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's chairman, said the transaction *will enhance the ability of the* group's acrylics business to serve its continental European *customer base*. The transactions should be finalised by mid year.

STOCK MARKET

City's young bloods play spot the next bid target

SPOT the next bid target appears to be the latest craze adopted by the young bloods of the Square Mile, judging by some of the price movements currently being recorded.

Large amounts of money are being spent on this latest game, designed to try to generate new business. Big trading positions have been built up on the favourites, several of which have been tipped in the past.

At the moment, the odds-on favourite among the speculators to lose its independence first is **Lucas Industries**, 1p lighter at 139p. There seems to be little doubt that Lucas is worried about the prospect of an unwanted bid. *It knows it is* vulnerable because of its recent poor trading record and management changes.

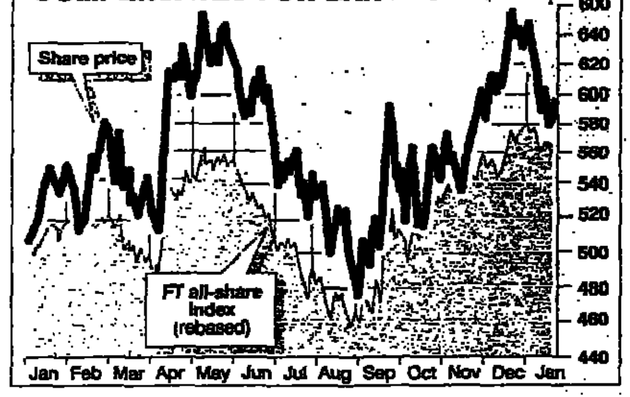
In the past few months, its share price has rebounded *from a low of 78p to touch a* high of 153p. Recently, it appointed Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, as one of its financial advisers.

The odds are also shortening on a bid for **Standard Chartered**, the international banking group, up another 6p, at 636p, after touching 650p. In spite of the effects of recession and bad debts, the shares have gone from strength to strength, having come up from a low of 364p. Earlier this week, Goldman Sachs recommended the shares.

Kwik Save Discount, the food retailing group, has returned to the takeover spotlight, prompted by the decision of Dairy Farm of Hong Kong to increase its holding by a full 1 per cent to *26 per cent. Its shares rose* 12p to 806p.

Even **Smith & Nephew**, the *Elastoplast group, ½p firmer* at 157p, is being mentioned as a possible takeover target. *Some market watchers believe* this is improbable, but those with long memories can *remember Smith & Nephew* fighting off the unwanted advances of Unilever in the 1960s. Other takeover targets include **Trafalgar House**, 3½p better at 92p, where Hong Kong Land has a near *15 per cent stake*, **Blue Circle Industries**, 3p dearer at 205p, once the subject of a dawn raid, and **Pilkington**, 1p cheaper at 100p, which attracted the attention of BTR

BASS: CHRISTMAS TRADING COMPENSATES FOR EARLY SETBACK



287p 435,000 BP, ½p firmer at 230½p, and 580,000 BT, 3½p down at 277p. **Lasmo** finished all-square at 146p *despite talk of a savage profits* downgrading by BZW. It is expected to make about £59 *million* for 1992, but BZW has cut its forecast for 1993 from £95 million to £41 million.

Commercial Union firmed 1p to 617p despite the efforts of Smith New Court, which has published a 103-page tome recommending the shares. It says CU is in the best position to take advantage of any upturn in the insurance market. Dividend increases from 1993 should compare favourably with the rest of the market. It has set a 12-month target of 750p for the shares.

a few years ago. The rest of the equity market closed a shade below its best for the day, with the FT-SE 100 Index extending Wednesday's rally to finish 24.6 up, at 2,773.3, as talk of a cut in bank base rates intensified.

The latest gloomy unemployment figures have convinced the institutions that the Chancellor has to take further *action to revive the economy*.

Turnover was boosted to 700 million shares by a late *programme trade that saw* some large lines of stock go through the market. These included 1.8 *million* **Sears**, 1p dearer at 102p, 1 million **Guardian Royal Exchange**, *6p* better at 170p, 1.2 million **Tesco**, 4p lower at 263p, 1 million **British Gas**, 1p up at 287p ... lion. **Thorn EMI** was another weak market, losing 12p to 834p, after a downgrading.

The drinks sector made up some of Wednesday's lost ground, cheered by news from **Bass** of strong Christmas trading. Ian Prosser, the chairman, told shareholders that there had been a general improvement in beer and pub operations, which had en*abled it to recover most of the* decline in beer volumes seen in the first two months of the year. Free trade beer sales were up 5 per cent on the previous year and total sales were down just half a point. Bass responded 17p to 599p.

The news put 9p on **Allied-Lyons** at 599p, 8p on **Greenalls** at 418p, and 1p on **Scottish & Newcastle** at 444p. **Wolverhampton & Dudley**, which forecast a 3 per cent decline in beer sales at its annual meeting earlier this week, rallied 4p to 569p. **Grand Metropolitan** jumped 15p to 440p, cheered by recommendations from Kleinwort Benson and James Capel.

Airtours, now battling for control of **Owners Abroad**, has reported a 7 per cent rise in summer holiday bookings and a 17 per cent improvement in those for winter breaks. David Crossland, the chairman, told shareholders that trading results for the first quarter were in line with forecasts. **Owners** finished 1p cheaper at 114p.

Speculative buying hoisted **GM Firth**, the steel stockholder, *4p higher at 14p. Roger* Shute, former chairman of BM Group has bought 1.45 million shares, or 4.39 per cent of Firth.

Shares of **Hunter Saphir**, the fresh food produce and spices distributor, returned from suspension 5p higher at 41p after announcing terms of an agreed £29.3 million bid from Albert Fisher. The shares ended the session at 42p, *matching* the terms from Albert Fisher. Fisher shares were unmoved, at 69p.

Water shares *took* a pasting from Crédit Lyonnais Laing, which has cut its earnings forecast for the sector by 25 per cent during the second half of the decade. Robert Giles, an analyst, said that investors were feeling justifiably concerned about the regulatory enviroment for the industry. He said the market had been too complacent *about a government re-ap*praisal of the sector's pricing structures expected next year.

Losses were recorded in **Anglian** 7p to 462p, **Northumbrian** 8p to 465p, **North West** 4p to 453p, **South West** 4p to 476p, **Thames** 7p to 472p, **Welsh** 8p to 515p, and **Wessex** 6p to 576p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

HK shares rise on bargain-hunting

Hong Kong — Shares rose before the market closed for the lunar new year holiday on selective bargain hunting, brokers reported.

The Hang Seng index finished the shortened week up 37.37 points, 0.64 per cent, at 5,914.39. It touched a high of 5,936.15 at one point after reversing all early losses.

James Lam, an analyst at Nikko Securities, said: "It's because of the traditional new year optimism. People tried to grab laggards which are expected to rise after the lunar new year.

The market will be closed tomorrow and Monday.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in thin, choppy trading as index-linked buying, triggered by short-covering in the futures market, erased early losses. The Nikkei average was up 28.50 points, or 0.17 per cent, *to* 16,538.68, with an estimated 200 million shares traded.

☐ **Singapore** — Offshore demand for Singapore blue chips led shares to a strong close, making a *surge* to record highs in half-day trading tomorrow possible, brokers said. The *Straits Times* industrial index closed 15.71 points higher, at 1,593.87, on volume of 63.9 million shares. Overall, declining issues outnumbered advancing shares 111 to 79.

☐ **Sydney** — A weaker Australian dollar kept overseas investors away as the market closed lower in thin, directionless trading. Brokers said many domestic players stayed on the sidelines. The All Ordinaries index ended 2.7 points down, at 1,519.1. *(Reuter)*

Setback for Dow in early trading

New York — Blue chips rebounded to break-even levels by late morning and largely shrugged off President Clinton's first military venture into Iraq.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.71 points, at 3,239.25.

Gerald Simmons, head of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "I still don't think it is a factor. The market is used to these kinds of attack, even if you have a new president."

Mr Simmons noted that, as in the case with former President Bush, markets would react only if tensions heightened. Earlier, defence officials said that American jets had fired on ground radar in northern Iraq.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended mixed as the market tried to consolidate the gains won since last Friday, traders said. Although the Bundesbank council did not cut interest rates, the overwhelming view in German markets is that key rates *will begin falling by the* end of the quarter. The Dax index ended 1.21 points lower, at 1,573.67. *(Reuter)*

	Jan 21 midday	Jan 20 close
AMP Inc	56	57
AMR Corp	66	67
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	49	49
Ahmanson (HF)	19	20
Air Prod & Chem	45	45
Alberston's	49	49
Alcan Aluminum	17	17
Alco Standard	38	38
Allied Signal	59	59
Alum Co of Am	68	68
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	44	44
Amer Brands	35	36
Amer Cyanamid	54	53
Amer El Power	33	33
Amer Express	25	25
Amer Genl Corp	57	57
Amer Home Pr	64	64
Amer Intl	113	114
Amer Stores	43	43
Amer T & T	54	53
Ameritech	73	73
Amoco	48	48
Anheuser-Busch	58	58
Apple Computer	59	60
Archer Daniels	27	27
Arkla	7	7
Armco	7	6
Armstrong Wrld	29	29
Asarco	27	26
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	109	109
Auto Data Pro	52	51
Avery Dennison	29	26
Avon Products	56	56
Baker Hughes	18	18
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	50	50
BankAmerica	51	51
Bank of NY	58	59
Bankers Tr NY	67	67
Barnett Banks	43	43
Bausch & Lomb	51½	51½
Baxter Intl	31	31
Bectn Dickinsn	77	76
Bell Atlantic	51	51
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	17	17
Block (H&R)	37	38
Boeing	36	36
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	27	27
Bristol Myrs Sq	61	62
Browning Ferris	27	26
Burlingtn Nthn	42	42
CBS	191	191
CNA Financial	94	95
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	73	73
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	12	12
Cptl Cities ABC	501	498
Cptl Holdings	75	76
Carolina Pwr	56	55
Caterpillar	55	56
Central & SW	28	28
Champion Intl	28	27
Chase Manhat	28	30
Chemical Bk	39	40
Chevron Corp	68	68
Chrysler	37	37
Chubb Corp	84	84
Cigna Corp	59	60
Citicorp	25	26
Clorox	46	46
Coastal Corp	24	24
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	56	56
Columbia Gas	19	20
Commonw Ed	24	24
Compaq Comp	52	52
Comp Ass Intl	29	20
Conagra	31	31
Cons Edison	32	32
Cons Nat Gas	44	45
Cons Rail	49	49
Cooper Inds	47	47
Corning Inc	37	37
Crown Cork	39	38
Dana Corp	48	48
Dayton Hudson	77	77
Deere	46	46
Delta Air Lines	52	53
Deluxe Corp	46	45
Detroit Edison	33	33
Digital Equip	41	41
Dillard Dept St	47	47
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	39	39
Donelley (RR)	29	30
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	52	53
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	17	17
Duke Power	35	35
Dun & Brdstreet	59	59
Du Pont	45	46
Eastman Kodak	48	48
Eaton Corp	79	79

	Jan 21 midday	Jan 20 close
Emerson Elec	53	53
Engelhard Corp	37	37
Enron Corp	45	45
Entergy Corp	33	33
Ethyl Corp	30	30
Exxon	58	58
FMC Corp	51	51
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	56	57
Fed Nat Mtge	78	79
First Chicago	40	40
First Interstate	50	50
First Union Rty	9	9
Fleet Finl Grp	34	34
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	46	46
GTE Corp	35	34
Gannett	52	53
Gap Inc Del	34	34
Gen Cinema	37	37
Gen Dynamics	113	113
Gen Electric	83	82
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	36	36
Gen Reinsurance	114	114
Gen Signal	64	64
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	60	59
Gillette	55	55
Glaxo ADR	21	21
Goodrich (BF)	49	48
Goodyear Tire	65	65
Grace (WR)	38	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	25
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	26	26
Heinz (HJ)	42	42
Hercules	67	67
Hershey Foods	47	46
Hewlett Packard	71	70
Hilton Hotels	47	47
Home Depot	65	64
Homestake	10	10
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	60	62
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	73	72
Illinois Tool	66	66
INCO	21	21
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	23	22
Intel Corp	111	112
IBM	46	46
Intl Flav & Fr	106	106
Intl Paper	62	61
James River Va	17	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	46	45
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	61	61
Kerr-McGee	42	42
Kimberly-Clark	60	60
Knight-Ridder	60	60
Lilly (Eli)	58	58
Limited Inc	28	28
LIN Brdcstng	86	87
Lincoln Nat	73	73
Litton	43	43
Liz Claiborne	40	40
Lockheed Corp	56	55
Louisiana Pac	66	68
MCI Commun	41	41
Marriott	23	23
Marsh & McLnn	91	91
Martin Marietta	71	70
Masco Corp	30	31
May Dept St	69	69
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	38	39
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	53	54
McGraw Hill	60	60
Mead Corp	37	37
Medtronic	90	88
Mellon Bk	56	56
Melville Corp	52	52
Merck Inc	41	41
Merrill Lynch	64	63
Minnesota Mine	99	98
Mobil Corp	60	60
Monsanto	50	52
Morgan (JP)	60	60
Motorola Inc	60	60
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	32	33
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	38	38
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	84	84
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	37	38
Norfolk Sthrn	60	60
Nthn State Pwr	43	43
Norwest Corp	43	43
Nynex Corp	83	83
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	22	23

	Jan 21 midday	Jan 20 close
Oracle Systems	30	29
Oryx Energy Co	17	17
PNC Financial	31	30
PPG Industries	59	61
Paccar Inc	57	58
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	19	19
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	18	18
Paramount Comm	43	42
Parker Hannifin	31	31
Penney (JC)	72	73
Pennzoil	49	49
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	64	63
Phelps Dodge	50	50
Philadel Elec	26	26
Philip Morris	73	70
Phillips Pet	24	24
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	28	28
Price Co	38	39
Primerica	51	51
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	31	31
Quaker Oats	64	63
Ralston Purina	45	45
Raychem Corp	38	38
Raytheon	52	51
Reebok Intl	37	36
Reynolds Metals	50	50
Roadway Svcs	71	71
Rockwell Intl	29	30
Rohm & Haas	53	53
Royal Dutch	78	79
Rubbermaid	30	30
Safeco Corp	59	59
St Paul's Cos	77	77
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	27	27
Scecorp	43	43
Schering Plough	58	57
Schlumberger	56	56
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	24	25
Sears Roebuck	47	47
Shell Trans	48	48
Sherwin Wlms	30	30
Skyline Corp	22	22
Snap-On-Tools	31	31
Southern Co	38	38
Sthwestern Bell	72	72
Sprint Corp	27	27
Stanley Works	39	39
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	21	21
Sysco Corp	24	23
TRW Inc	56	56
Tandem Comp	13	16
Tandy Corp	27	27
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	47	47
Tenneco	39	40
Texaco	58	58
Texas Inst	55	56
Texas Utilities	43	42
Textron	42	42
Time Warner	32	32
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	28	28
Torchmark	57	57
Toys R Us	38	39
Transamerica	48	47
Travelers Corp	27	27
Tribune	50	50
Tyco Labs	45	44
UAL Corp	129	128
UST Inc	30	30
USX Marathon	16	16
Unilever NV	105	106
Union Camp	43	44
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	58	59
Unisys Corp	13	12
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	37	37
US West	38	37
United Tech	46	46
Unocal Corp	23	23
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	52	52
Wal-Mart Stores	59	59
Warner-Lambert	65	64
Waste Mgmnt Inc	37	37
Wells Fargo	96	97
Westinghouse El	13	14
Weyerhaeuser	37	37
Whirlpool	45	45
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	76	76
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	83	83

Japanese rate hopes fade

From Reuter in Tokyo

JAPANESE money supply data for December showed negative growth for the fourth consecutive month, indicating the economy will take more time to recover, but economists think it unlikely to spur the Bank of Japan (BOJ) to ease monetary policy.

Yozo Nishimura, an economist at the Bank of Tokyo, said: "Past economic indicators have made financial markets expect the BOJ could cut the discount rate any time, but its credit easings always lag behind market speculation."

Japan's broadly defined money supply average of M2 plus certificates of deposit for December shrank a preliminary 0.5 per cent from a year earlier, versus a revised 0.6 per cent fall in November.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		
Barclays	412p	(+15p)
HSBC	550p	(+23p)
Nat West	426p	(+11p)
Bass	595p	(+13p)
Liberty Life	872p	(+14p)
Pearson	370p	(+11p)
More O'Ferrall	210p	(+10p)
Yorklyde	297p	(+12p)
Eurotunnel Uts	396p	(+11p)
Ocean Group	283p	(+15p)
Grand Met	440p	(+15p)
SA Breweries	825p	(+32p)
Smithkline Uts	445p	(+13p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	261p	(+13p)
Takeda Chem	659p	(+21p)
Vinten	304p	(+11p)
Wellcome	930p	(+17p)
Weir	646p	(+12p)
General Accident	579p	(+14p)
FALLS:		
Elys (Wimbldn)	480p	(-15p)
Capita Group	424p	(-9p)
Mountview	805p	(-45p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Critchley Group (220)	270	...
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst 105		...
Hunters Armley (90)	120	+2
Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	+6
Mauritius Fund (£10¼)	£10¼	...
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	57	+1
Prime People Warrants	1½	-½

RIGHTS ISSUES

Melville n/p (5)	¼	...
Property Trust p/p (25)	13	...
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1	...
Trio Holdings n/p (50)	13	...
West Trust n/p (3)	¼	...

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities enjoyed support across the board as pressure on the Chancellor for a cut in inter*est rates intensified*.

Dealers reported strong institutional demand which intensified after publication of the latest gloomy unemployment figures and the subsequent weakness in the pound against the mark.

Prices at the shorter end scored gains, with Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 rising 11 ticks to £110¹⁷/₃₂. The longer end of the market also enjoyed support, with the latest average earnings figures indicating that inflation remains under control. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose 22 ticks to £101¼. On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt left its narrow trading range. It closed just below its best of the day, at £100⅝, a rise of £⁷/₈, with 45,000 contracts completed.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100	97	Treas 8¼% 1993	100 †	...	8.25	6.77
101	99	Treas 10% 1993	100	...	9.93	6.54
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	...	12.14	6.21
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	99	..	6.01	6.24
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	12.98	6.24
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102 †	[illegible]	8.31	6.19
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	[illegible]	13.35	6.27
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	[illegible]	12.44	6.32
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	104	[illegible]	9.54	6.23
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109 †	[illegible]	11.45	6.35
104	96	Treas 9% 1994	104	[illegible]	8.61	6.30
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	110 †	[illegible]	10.88	6.45
95	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.21
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	[illegible]	9.45	6.50
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	115	[illegible]	11.04	6.60
119	109	Treas 14% 1996	118	[illegible]	11.79	6.97
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	123	[illegible]	12.34	7.04
119	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	[illegible]	11.22	7.03
104	96	Treas 9% 1992-96	100 †	...	8.99	7.07
110	98	Conv 10% 1996	110	[illegible]	9.09	6.94
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	[illegible]	10.98	7.19
112	100	Exch 10½% 1997	111 xd	[illegible]	9.38	7.07
107	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	[illegible]	8.21	7.04
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	130	[illegible]	11.53	7.38
111	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	[illegible]	8.82	7.20
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
99	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	[illegible]	6.82	6.99
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	135	[illegible]	11.47	7.72
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	119	[illegible]	10.02	7.73
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	109	[illegible]	8.69	7.52
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	121	[illegible]	10.11	7.85
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	114	[illegible]	9.20	7.63
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	[illegible]	9.05	7.67
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	107	[illegible]	8.41	7.68
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	126	[illegible]	10.28	8.18
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	111 †	[illegible]	8.99	8.07
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	[illegible]	11.06	7.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	110	[illegible]	9.03	8.44
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	[illegible]	9.74	8.39
69	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68	[illegible]	5.10	7.64
107	95	Conv 9½% 2004	106	[illegible]	8.90	8.57
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	106	[illegible]	8.90	8.59
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125	[illegible]	9.96	8.79
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	95	[illegible]	8.39	8.61
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119	[illegible]	9.81	8.74
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	98	[illegible]	8.66	8.72
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	[illegible]	10.17	8.81
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104	92	Treas 9% 2008	102	[illegible]	8.81	8.74
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	92	[illegible]	8.61	8.81
109	93	Conv 9% 2011	107	[illegible]	8.88	8.85
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	70	[illegible]	7.76	8.59
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90 xd	[illegible]	8.57	8.73
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	127	[illegible]	9.43	9.06
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	44 xd	[illegible]	8.96	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	[illegible]	8.92	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	[illegible]	5.66	...
35	29	Treas 3%	33	...	8.96	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	[illegible]	8.51	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	[illegible]	8.93	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
132	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	[illegible]	...	1.38
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	193	[illegible]	1.76	2.52
162	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159	[illegible]	3.15	3.50
158	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155	[illegible]	3.28	3.58
162	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	160	[illegible]	3.45	3.62
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	144	[illegible]	3.59	3.80
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2011	149 †	[illegible]	3.64	3.83
126	109	Treas IL 2½% 2013	123 †	[illegible]	3.67	3.84
133	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	131 †	[illegible]	3.69	3.86
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	125	[illegible]	3.74	3.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.77	3.90

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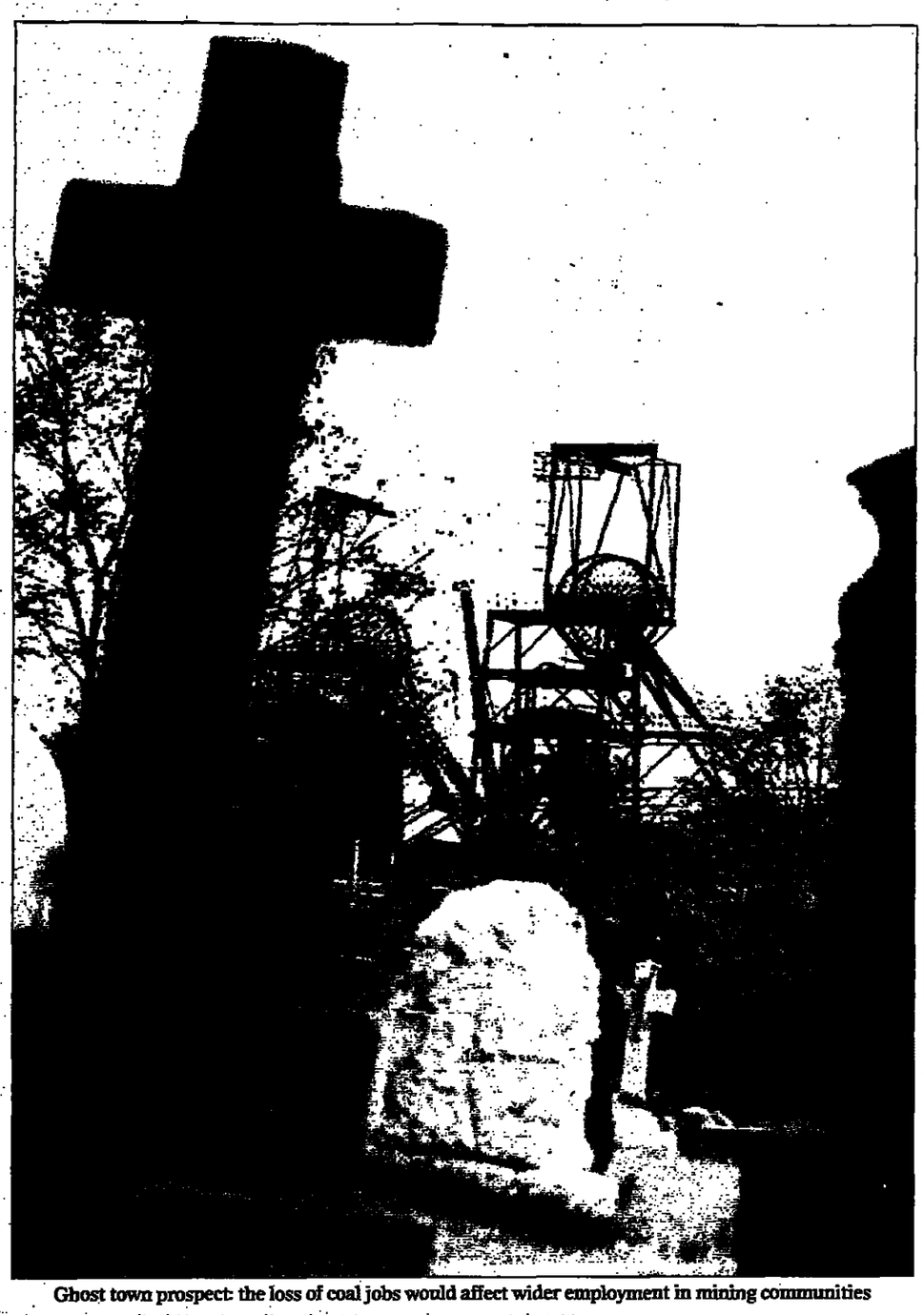
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Pits enquiry opens debate on the right to shed labour

MPs have rejected British Coal's claim that maximum redundancy terms for miners were paramount in its plans, writes Ross Tieman



Ghost town prospect: the loss of coal jobs would affect wider employment in mining communities

Neil Clarke, the chairman of British Coal, was wearing a hard hat yesterday, and he needed it. Even during an underground visit to the Whitemoor Colliery in North Yorkshire, Mr Clarke could not escape the barrage of flak unleashed by the cross-party employment select committee report into pit closures.

Michael Heseltine, the committee's other principal target, "welcomed" publication of the report from his office high in the trade and industry department in Victoria Street, London.

Despite its Conservative majority, the employment committee has produced a report that adds considerably to the depth of the hole into which the government has dug itself over pit closures. There are two main strands to the committee's conclusions. Few doubted the committee would criticise the decision-making process leading to the closure announcement, though the harshness of the judgments come as a surprise. More astonishing is the committee's plea for a social assessment to influence mass redundancy decisions.

The immediate focus of attention, however, is on the failure of British Coal to warn openly of the impending closures, and of government to work through the wider implications of what was proposed. According to witnesses to the committee, the main focus of talks between the industry department and British Coal, as far as employment matters were concerned, was about redundancy terms for miners.

British Coal broke the law that requires 30 days of prior consultation with unions before redundancy announcements. Yesterday, British Coal reiterated the explanation given by its chairman in evidence to the committee: that the overriding concern was to maximise redundancy payments to miners. The level of payments would depend on earnings just before the announcement. A lenghthy rundown of the industry would inevitably lead to lower earnings, and hence lower redundancy payouts.

That justification was explicitly rejected by the committee, which found that "those affected could not carry out any advance planning for their future". The committee was highly critical of Mr Clarke for his failure to follow through a request to Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, for talks. She was represented by a junior minister at each of the Cabinet committee meetings that dealt with pit closures, the committee found.

Yet the implications of the decision, for the government's finances, for its standing in the eyes of the public, and for the individuals affected, were immense. Witnesses told the committee that knock-on effects of the closure would lead to the loss of between 49,500 and 120,000 jobs in total, in communities across the nation. The cost to the Exchequer, by general consent, would amount to £1.4 billion in the first year, plus £600 million a year for several years thereafter in unemployment pay and social security benefits. In total, taxpayers would probably have to stump up £2.5 billion, though the committee was given warning that it might take three or four years for many of the miners to find new jobs. At a time of recession, the committee found there was "little prospect of jobs being created in sufficient numbers to offset the level of redundancies that will occur." Trapped by falling property values, miners would be unable to move to find work.

The committee made no attempt to assess the need for closures — an issue to be addressed in a report from the cross-party trade and industry committee next week. That is expected to criticise the failure of ministers to address problems created for British Coal by electricity privatisation.

Four technical reports commissioned by the industry department, covering energy markets, pit prospects and British Coal's management, will be published today. These may offer ministers signposts, but none will provide a neat solution.

In its deliberations, the committee has highlighted not just the issue of pit closures, but the problems of a system whereby employers can cut their losses by making huge layoffs, leaving government to pick up the pieces. Where the employer is owned by the government, the committee concludes that such behaviour is unacceptable.

The subject, out of kilter with mainstream Conservative thinking, cannot simply be dismissed; government finances are under pressure from the soaring cost of an unemployment register now set to break records.

The committee has, in effect, called for the employment department to conduct a cost-benefit analysis before any mass redundancies. Moreover, members have decided to focus their next report on how such a scheme might work, and the apparent disregard for wider consequences that attend private sector redundancy decisions. Today, the men in the dock are Mr Heseltine and Mr Clarke. The concerns ignited by their coal closure plans may yet light a tinder trail that will engulf private sector business in far more cumbersome procedures before closures are announced. Indeed, Sir Peter Walters, the chairman of Blue Circle Industries, has already been ordered to open the committee's new session by detailing the consultations undertaken by the cement maker before announcing redundancies. The chairman of at least one of Britain's biggest banks is likely to find himself facing similar questions as a result of recent job loss announcements.

The coal crisis did not happen because British Coal wanted to make many miners redundant. It happened because ministers ignored warnings, and because the scale of closures was seen by the public as symptomatic of a far deeper malaise. The employment committee seems determined to widen the agenda, opening a debate on the extent to which employers should be free to shed labour, regardless of the cost to the state.

That debate will be viewed by many companies with alarm; by individual taxpayers, perhaps, with a sense of relief.

TEMPUS

Lloyd's losses run and run

EACH year when Chatset produces its apocalyptic forecasts of Lloyd's losses they are greeted with a chorus of raspberries from the the insurance market's establishment. Usually, when the real figures are published, the Chatset forecasts turn out to be conservative.

The principal shock in Chatset's latest figures is not the £1.6 billion loss it expects the market to announce this summer for 1990. Both professionals and names in Lloyd's have reckoned on a heavy loss ever since the storms that ripped across northern Europe in January that year, an event known as Catastrophe 90A.

Instead, the finger of doom is pointing at the loss of more than £1 billion the agency expects for 1991 and the unquantified loss it predicts in 1992, due to the continued inadequacy of the market's premium base.

For the past two years, Lloyd's professionals have encouraged names to pay their losses with the promise of profits tomorrow. Now the average name may need to wait until 1996 until he starts receiving cheques again from his managing agent, assuming he has not gone bankrupt in the meantime.

If the forecasts prove right, Lloyd's has lost more than £5 billion in the last four years, losses that threaten its future. By comparison, the total of the names' declared assets is only £6.7 billion. Even if this omits a large proportion of their wealth and does not include the new money that names have injected through cash calls, it suggests that by 1995 the market will be in dire need of new capital or it will be unable to regenerate.

Companies like ICI show some willingness to provide that capital, but they will not accept unlimited liability. This could lead to an unacceptable two-tier system in which corporate names can leave the market whenever times are rough, leaving individual names to suffer. Lloyd's cannot solve this problem without addressing the running sore of open years. Unless it does, the market will wither, regardless of its attempts to reform.

Suter

THERE is no doubting the existence of what might politely be called the "DTI discount" that has dogged the share price performance of Suter since the official investigation of share dealings in various companies linked to Suter or David Abell, its chairman, started in 1988.

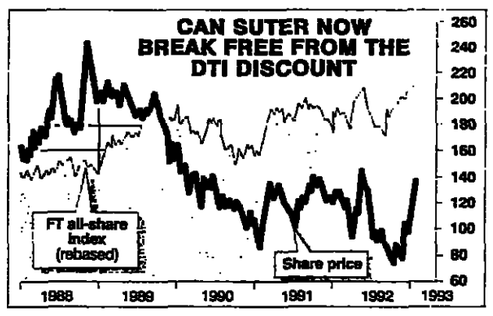
This discount held back Suter's progress as an expansion-minded conglomerate, during a period when such were in vogue, by suppressing the price of its shares when they might have been used to buy growth.

Even after the publication of the report yesterday, which largely clears Mr Abell, it is still hard to take an investment view on the extent to which the affair still overhangs the shares. The market took qualified heart, marking them up 6p to 125p, about 13 times likely 1992 earnings. But analysts and the company itself are still left wondering about the status of any enquiry into possible linked insider share dealing.

This is because the Department of Trade and Industry, with some justification, refuses to comment on any insider dealing investigations unless and until charges are eventually laid.

The most obvious deduction, although one that has to be reached without any official guidance, is that charges are extremely unlikely now that the report and the accompanying body of evidence are in the public domain.

These days, Suter is more concerned to nurse its various industrial businesses through the recession than to embark on further growth. This and the lack of any positive evidence of the affair's conclusion mean the shares will take some time to emerge from the shadows.



Base rates

YESTERDAY'S depressing economic statistics prompted the futures and the interbank markets to discount a base rate cut of up to 1 point by summer. The argument for even lower rates is indeed superficially persuasive. Signs of sustained recovery are rare or non-existent.

One set of figures was, however, largely overlooked in the flood of data yesterday, and may even yet make Norman Lamont pause before he pares rates to 6½ or even 6 per cent. Bank of England's figure show that banknote circulation for the first three weeks of the year rose more than 4.5 per cent year on year.

Banknote circulation is the principal constituent of M0, accounting for about 90 per cent of the total. This suggests that the M0 figure for January, when it is published on February 3, will show at least 4.3 per cent annual growth, well above the range of zero to 4 per cent that Mr Lamont indicated as healthy last October.

M0 is a brutal measure with many shortcomings but it did indicate when the economy was beginning to overheat back in 1988. The sharp rise in note circulation since October, when M0 was hovering at the bottom of Mr Lamont's range, suggests that something may be cooking in the high street after all.

The M0 figures may well make the government hesitate before it makes the cut that the market believes is now inevitable. The markets may have been a touch too hasty in their judgment.

ICI

ICI may face hostile fire over its proposed demerger, but its agreed asset swap with BASF deserves a 21-gun salute.

The deal simultaneously strengthens ICI's market position in its core acrylics business and moves it out of polypropylene, a fragmented market where everyone is losing money. ICI has lost an estimated £10 million there business in each of the past two years.

Acrylics is a much better market for the group to inhabit. It is controlled by a handful of world-scale players and ICI will be up there with them, provided both the BASF and Du Pont deals go ahead. Margins, which used to be as high as 15 per cent, are depressed by weak demand from customers in the automotive and construction industries. But they will recover once any upturn comes. ICI is looking at a chain of similar deals if its demerger goes ahead. The competition authorities will keep a close eye on this consolidation but so far no single player dominates any sector.

Yesterday's news was a step in the right direction for the chemical industry as a whole, as well as ICI.

Glynwed

GLYNWED, the engineering group, has been near the top of everybody's takeover hit lists for years. With 70 per cent of its business in Britain, it has had a torrid time during the recession. The appointment of Bruce Ralph as chief executive may have given shareholders an unpleasant feeling of *déjà vu*. Mr Ralph was formerly — and rather briefly — chief executive of Dowty, the electronics group, which was swallowed by TI Group last June.

History often has a nasty habit of repeating itself. Those who are keen to see Glynwed retain its independence will be hoping that on this occasion history has instead taught Mr Ralph some important lessons.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Presidential seal for Cookson

FRIENDS of the Clintons are already coining it. Gold and silver coining blanks for the official presidential inaugural medals presented to President Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore and members of Congress and the Senate have been produced by Cookson Group, an industrial material group. The British group is run by an American, Richard Oster, who is a leading Democrat and a friend of Hillary Clinton. A Cookson company in Lincoln, Rhode Island, has produced 1,000 24-carat gold blanks, each containing ⅔oz of gold. Oster says: "Both as an American and as a chief executive of a British company, it is a great honour to be selected to produce the precious metal blanks for these medals." There is talk in Rhode Island of Oster running for governor, or even becoming the new US ambassador in London.

Under fire

PANDEMONIUM gripped the offices of Dewe Rogerson, the City PR firm, at about the time of the mid-morning tea break yesterday, after a fire alarm sent staff spilling out into London Wall. "There were three fire engines and lots of blue flashing lights," says an insider, who believes a discarded cigarette in a nearby estate agent was to blame. "There were hundreds of people." Staff slunk back to their desks after 20 minutes or so, wondering how many bid pitches had been missed while the switchboard was unmanned. Diary readers may recall that Dewe, which has made a name for itself as an adviser on privatisations, has had its share of misfortune in the past. More than 80 analysts were attending a presentation on the forthcoming electricity privatisation at the firm's offices in October 1990, when the projectors and air-conditioning ground to a halt and the lights went out. Several wags were heard to ask whether Dewe had paid its electricity bill. The problem was traced to a faulty fuse.

Guiding light

THE burn-out rate among market-makers — and in the boardrooms too — could soon be soothed away with meditation. The guru who leapt into fame with The Beatles and weaved his magic on chat shows around the world is starting up a new business. The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is opening 50 Vedic management schools across America — one in every state — and will offer MBAs and other business degrees. What Maharishi professes to offer is a form of knowledge-based management blessed with clarity arrived at through transcendental meditation. Vedic management organises the intimate relationship between individual and cosmic intelligence and brings the support of all nature's laws — something that you do not get in the average finance course.



De Bellaigue goes

ERIC de Bellaigue, Panmure Gordon's head of research and a doyen of the publishing investment sector, retired on a tide of goodwill and champagne last week. The analysts section took him out to lunch at a restaurant, followed by a formal company leaving party later in the week. De Bellaigue goes after a long and distinguished career in the Square Mile. He has worked for Schroder Wagg, Buckmaster and Moore, Grenfell Colegrave and for Panmure Gordon since 1989. Within months of joining Panmure as a senior analyst, de Bellaigue became head of research. A colleague says: "Eric is Franco-Belgian by birth but more English than the English. He is tremendously liked and respected by everybody and that was reflected in the warmth of his leaving celebrations." Eric's leaving gifts included some fine claret, champagne, and vouchers to build up his compact disc collection. He met his wife, Nike, when they were both working at Grenfell Colegrave, and they have two grown-up sons.

CITY palates, jaded by their usual lunch of oysters, fruit-cake and port, will welcome the opening of Poons, sister restaurant to the long-established Chinese eaterie in Covent Garden. At Minster Pavement, Poons in the City has not yet opened officially, but will offer a Chinese new year menu and lion dancing today, when diners will celebrate in anticipation of Chinese new year at the weekend. It will be the Year of the Rooster.

WENDY VAIZEY

BUSINESS LETTERS

Banks aim to ease passage of cross-border payments

From Mr R. I. L. Allen

Sir, Mr Spiegl referred to problems which his company has experienced in receiving payments from other countries in the European Community (Business Letters, January 14). Such difficulties arise because of the manual element in the systems which are used by many banks. This work may involve a number of banks and is generally both expensive and time consuming.

Aware of these difficulties, the banking industry in the UK, through its Association for Payment Clearing Services and together with banks in the rest of the European Community, has been working with the European Commission to remove as many practical and legal obstacles as possible and to develop improved ways of handling cross-border payments. The aim of the industry is to work towards meeting the objectives which have been set by the Commission to ensure that the Single Market is supported by suitable cross-border payment systems.

In the meantime, many banks and bank groupings have already developed new services for payments cross border. I suggest that any company which has to make or receive such payments should consult their bank on the various services available so that they can determine which is the most suitable for their needs.

Yours faithfully,
R. I. L. ALLEN,
APACS (Association for Payment Clearing Services),
Mercury House,
Triton Court,
14 Finsbury Square, EC2.

Low pay analysis

From Pamela Meadows

Sir, I am writing in connection with Philip Bassett's article in *The Times* (January 14) under the headline "Official figures hide blow to low paid" about an article in the *Employment Gazette* produced by my staff. Mr Bassett noticed a discrepancy between the headline "key finding" and the main text and tables of the article.

Mr Bassett was told there was a misprint in the headline but the analysis and the tables were correct. Mr Bassett chose, nonetheless, to claim in his article that the department had admitted the analysis was incorrect, using as the basis for his claim the tables published in the article itself.

The analysis is not incorrect and we have never suggested it is. The absolute levels of pay of all young people have risen. They have risen less quickly than those of adults, but no more so in Wages Council industries than elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA MEADOWS
(Chief Economic Adviser),
Department of Employment,
Tothill Street, SW1.

Cheque crossings

From Mr Peter Walsh

Sir, Mr D. R. Tudor (Business Letters, January 20) is right. The only person to gain from the Cheques Act 1992 is the banker, but at some inconvenience to other parties to cheque transactions.

If the Committee of London Clearing Bankers had instead agreed to recommend that all cheques be printed with "not negotiable" crossings, everyone would have been protected except the dishonest.

Although making all negotiable instruments drawn on a banker not negotiable looks like a contradiction in terms, it should be customer-friendly. After all, our private schools are public and this seems to be understood.

Yours truly,
Peter Walsh,
18 Tuson Drive, Widnes.

US has shown how Taurus could be run

From Mr David Shamash

Sir, I fail to understand why all concerned are making such a meal of the introduction of Taurus. The USA has operated a paperless share register system for years and surely there must be tried and tested software already available over there which could have been put into service in London months if not years ago.

My wife has shares in the USA, the records of which are held by Fidelity Brokerage; they collect all dividends, account for the non-resident tax, pay them into a money-market interest bearing account, and send a monthly statement and valuation as well as an annual summary, and the cost to her is absolutely nothing.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SHAMASH,
Director,
Covent Garden Group,
34 Floral Street, WC2.

Promoting British goods on the home front

From Mrs Stanley Alexander

Sir, What a good idea to have an all-British house on show in Waterloo, near Brussels, to promote our exports. (Home, sweet home, in the heart of Belgium, January 19).

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Yours,
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Environ	129.00	137.30	+0.60	1.77
UK Growth	136.90	145.70	+1.10	2.59
UK Income	115.60	123.00	+0.70	4.83
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	74.03	79.18	+0.95	1.18
Growth	42.78	45.51	+0.35	3.14
Income	49.49	52.66	+0.26	4.52
Far East	38.34	41.00	+0.43	0.36
North American	82.35	88.08	+0.99	0.01
Global	78.59	84.05	+0.73	0.67
European	62.05	66.36	+0.51	1.41
Japan	79.63	85.16	+0.79	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	55.31	58.62	+0.49	7.58
UK Cap Gwth	74.17	79.33	+0.46	2.41

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	125.30	133.20	+0.90	0.11
-do- Acc	133.20	141.60	+1.00	0.11
European	62.51	66.22	+0.76	1.07
-do- Acc	64.79	68.63	+0.78	1.07
Far East Gen	43.99	46.80	+0.22	...
-do- Acc	43.99	46.80	+0.22	...
Glentrust	225.40	239.80	+2.20	1.58
-do- Acc	253.20	269.40	+2.50	1.58
Growth	356.30	380.10	+1.70	2.66
-do- Acc	605.90	648.10	+3.00	2.66
Income Growth	346.50	368.70	+1.90	4.27
-do- Acc	460.50	489.90	+2.70	4.27
Master Portfolio	8912.0	9204.0	+46.00	3.15
-do- Acc	10281.0	10619.0	+54.00	3.15
Special Sits	81.31	86.51	+0.33	2.62
-do- Acc	95.18	101.26	+0.39	2.62
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1118.0	1153.0	+6.00	4.87
-do- Acc	1294.0	1335.0	+7.00	4.87
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	184.60	196.50	+1.70	1.86
Capital	502.20	535.90	+2.90	2.62
Eurotrack 100	122.40	130.20	+0.80	1.84
Euro Gth	74.50	79.30	+0.75	1.98
Far East Growth	72.99	77.40	+1.02	0.55
Global Bond	21.94	23.12	+0.13	6.87
Hong Kong	65.68	70.09	+1.39	0.72
Income	472.30	504.00	+2.00	4.53
Intl Growth	65.90	70.33	+0.67	1.23
Japan Growth	185.90	198.30	+2.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	23.68	25.27	+0.11	...
Japan Index	55.13	58.83	+0.63	0.34
Nth American	398.70	425.50	+2.50	1.05
S pore Mly Gth	46.46	49.58	+0.64	...
The Footsie Fd	102.80	108.50	+1.10	2.63
Tiger Index	127.40	135.90	+2.40	1.04
Triple Index	94.45	100.80	+0.40	3.18
UK Index	115.90	123.60	+1.00	3.49
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	78.73	84.05	+0.91	1.00
European P folio	67.14	71.36	+0.72	1.38
Japanese P folio	44.91	47.71	+0.35	...
Pacific P folio	80.94	87.04	+0.88	2.43
Cazenove P folio	64.82	69.33	+0.71	3.00
UK Income Gth	58.99	63.23	+0.48	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	60.26	63.43	-0.24	2.24
Beckman Intl	75.24	79.49	-1.37	5.08
Friars Hse Inc	166.78	178.45	-0.99	6.90
Friars Hse Cap	236.40	252.95	-0.25	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	102.37	108.90	+1.04	0.22
European Gth	86.61	92.14	+0.78	1.61
Far East Gth	85.32	90.77	+1.52	0.16
Japan Gth Acc	30.32	32.26	+0.32	...
Managed	57.39	61.05	+0.40	3.27
-do- Acc	69.30	73.72	+0.48	3.27
Mthly Inc Plus	45.42	48.32	+0.15	8.80
Smaller Cos	30.31	32.24	+0.22	2.55
-do- Acc	33.35	35.48	+0.24	2.55
UK General	65.06	69.21	+0.55	3.14
-do- Acc	78.00	82.98	+0.63	3.14
Wwide Bd	60.70	64.57	+0.50	6.05
-do- Acc	76.06	80.91	+0.62	6.05
Wwide Sp Sits	49.10	52.51	+0.45	0.28
-do- Acc	51.06	54.60	+0.48	0.28
Quilter General	117.30	124.79	+0.96	2.54
-do- Acc	129.11	137.35	+1.06	2.54
Quilter Income	84.95	90.37	+0.47	4.27
-do- Acc	104.69	111.37	+0.59	4.27
Quilter Intl	114.02	121.30	+0.99	0.35
-do- Acc	115.59	122.97	+1.00	0.35
Quilter UK Spec	65.40	69.57	+0.70	3.23
-do- Acc	86.52	92.04	+0.93	3.23
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	90.86	96.66	+0.67	2.30
Fixed Conv	38.63	41.10	+0.16	7.90
-do- Acc	99.07	105.39	+0.44	7.90
Equity Inc	133.41	141.93	-0.40	4.50
-do- Acc	421.15	448.03	-1.25	4.50
High Yield	108.74	115.68	+0.68	5.49
-do- Acc	408.98	432.98	+2.23	5.49
Preference	45.75	48.67	+0.88	8.25
-do- Acc	231.45	246.23	+4.41	8.25
PPT Europe	138.82	147.68	+1.07	0.76
PPT Global Bnd	78.14	83.13	+0.67	4.33
PPT Gold Com	42.15	44.84	+3.25	...
PPT Thai	54.77	58.27	+0.47	...
PPT Hong Kong	87.56	93.14	+2.02	...
PPT Japan	83.21	88.52	+0.84	...
PPT N Amer	141.04	150.04	+1.46	...
PPT S'pore Mly	90.79	96.59	+1.17	...
PPT UK	110.39	117.44	+1.02	1.66
PPT Cash	90.69	90.69	+0.02	6.32
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	67.92	72.25	+1.34	1.10
Japanese Acc	43.04	45.79	+0.42	...
UK Balncd Inc	118.50	126.10	+1.50	2.54
-do- Acc	138.30	147.10	+1.70	2.54
UK Growth Acc	197.20	209.80	+2.00	2.20
UK High Inc	124.50	132.40	+1.20	7.17
-do- Acc	147.00	156.40	+1.50	7.17
N America Acc	108.70	115.60	+1.30	0.34
European Acc	138.60	147.40	+1.40	0.47
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.22	62.84	+0.10	9.77
-do- Acc	94.30	100.40	+0.20	9.77
Intl Sp Sits Acc	42.26	44.96	+0.58	0.25
Environmntl Opp	68.75	73.14	+0.33	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	101.70	108.10	+1.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	166.70	177.10	-0.30	1.41
Eurofund	35.18	37.18	+0.31	1.08
Mngd Exempt	156.40	163.00	-0.40	3.22
Growth Inc	206.60	218.50	+2.10	4.12
High Dist	130.00	138.10	+0.90	6.26
International	297.70	316.30	+3.10	1.03
Intl Income	74.86	79.91	+0.67	3.25
Pacific	51.37	54.58	+0.89	0.55
Smllr Jap Cos	49.67	52.77	+0.48	...
Tokyo	148.00	157.30	+2.10	...

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Japan Exempt	82.06	84.31	-0.59	0.59
Sm Jap Exempt	407.70	418.90	..	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	156.60	166.50	+1.40	1.26
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	99.93	105.19	+0.55	3.89
High Income	112.66	118.59	+0.75	5.32
Tst of Inv Tsts	127.74	134.46	+0.37	2.85
Special Sits	79.01	83.17	+0.70	3.53
North American	103.35	108.79	+1.12	1.08
Far Eastern	192.83	202.98	+2.62	1.57
Intl Growth	82.19	86.52	+1.31	1.62
European	59.38	62.51	+0.51	2.19
Smaller Cos	64.66	68.06	+0.46	2.60
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414191				
America	209.30	220.70	+2.70	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.60
European Tst	101.20	107.70	+1.30	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	85.66	90.73	+0.84	0.72
Far Eastern	105.60	113.20	+0.90	...
Ovsea Income	80.23	85.92	+0.59	2.91
UK Growth	87.80	93.90	+0.64	1.42
UK Income	95.65	102.30	+1.00	4.13
US Smaller Cos	212.70	227.50	+3.40	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	414.50	443.20	+6.30	...
-do- Acc	423.40	452.70	+6.30	...
Capital	268.70	285.80	+0.70	2.45
-do- Acc	371.00	394.60	+1.10	2.45
Contl Smllr Cos	42.69	46.09	+0.57	1.39
-do- Acc	44.17	47.69	+0.59	1.39
Convertible	101.20	107.60	-3.40	6.74
-do- Acc	187.40	199.30	-6.20	6.74
European	90.87	97.16	+1.10	0.99
-do- Acc	93.90	100.40	+1.14	0.99
Extra Income	264.20	281.00	+1.90	4.83
-do- Acc	369.90	393.40	+2.70	4.83
Financial	97.03	104.40	+2.90	0.86
-do- Acc	101.00	108.70	+3.00	0.86
Health Fund Inc	127.60	136.30	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	127.60	136.30	+1.70	...
Income Tst	164.50	174.90	+1.20	4.53
-do- Acc	229.30	243.90	+1.80	4.53
Intl Growth	290.80	310.40	+4.20	...
-do- Acc	323.00	344.70	+4.70	...
Japan Gen	124.10	132.90	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	125.40	134.20	+1.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	85.49	89.98	+0.69	1.87
-do- Acc	88.28	92.92	+0.72	1.87
Monthly Income	134.20	142.70	+0.60	4.92
Recovery	269.20	287.80	+3.40	0.76
-do- Acc	314.40	336.20	+4.10	0.76
Gilt Gth Tst	59.61	61.47	+0.14	7.28
-do- Acc	74.83	77.16	+0.16	7.28
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	331.40	352.55	+3.43	3.12
-do- Acc	669.13	711.84	+6.93	3.12
Euro Gth Dist	96.21	102.35	+0.85	1.13
-do- Acc	99.08	105.40	+0.87	1.13
Fixed Int Dist	126.98	134.31	+0.19	6.54
-do- Acc	210.76	222.93	+0.31	6.54
Intl Gth Dist	67.76	72.08	+0.61	0.84
-do- Acc	70.09	74.56	+0.63	0.84
Nth Amer Dist	158.13	167.65	+1.43	0.70
-do- Acc	171.36	181.68	+1.55	0.70
Pac Basin Dist	197.39	209.88	+2.23	0.39
-do- Acc	200.42	213.21	+2.26	0.38
Stewardship Dist	257.52	295.23	+1.93	2.05
-do- Acc	328.33	349.29	+2.29	2.05
Stwd Inc Dist	57.13	60.78	+0.08	4.37
-do- Acc	69.66	74.11	+0.10	4.37
N Am Stwd Dist	89.16	94.85	+0.33	0.03
-do- Acc	94.39	100.41	+0.36	0.03
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	141.40	151.30	+1.80	...
European	370.70	393.10	+4.30	0.98
Far East General	178.50	189.80	+2.80	0.34
Germany	88.85	94.08	+0.69	0.43
Global Assets In	61.25	65.51	+0.41	2.29
Global Assets Ac	64.17	68.64	+0.43	2.26
Income	101.20	108.30	+0.70	7.31
International	229.60	245.60	+3.20	1.02
Intl Income	69.84	74.33	+0.72	4.82
Japan General	276.50	293.80	+3.50	...
Smllr Cos Div	43.07	46.07	+0.16	6.11
UK Capital Inc	144.30	154.40	+1.10	4.11
-do- Acc	244.60	261.70	+1.80	4.04
Uk Spec Sits	65.89	70.48	+0.63	1.61
US General	104.80	111.60	+1.90	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	106.90	114.40	+1.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.25	44.10	+0.25	1.32
Cash Trust*	126.93	126.93	+0.02	6.85
Pract Inv Inc	94.75	101.61	+0.35	4.24
-do- Acc	202.39	216.93	+0.52	4.24
UK Smaller Cos	90.14	96.66	-0.22	3.06
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.43	25.06	-0.03	8.90
High Inc	28.77	30.77	-0.11	5.78
UK Equity Inc	118.77	127.03	+0.44	4.75
Intl Fxd Int	28.26	29.31	+0.24	5.42
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.10	60.16	+0.06	1.94
Frontier Markets	37.91	40.65	+0.53	0.37
Global Inc Gth	111.54	119.10	+0.96	2.85
UK Intl	104.24	111.49	+1.14	1.27
Overseas Funds				
American	121.11	129.33	+0.80	0.59
European	75.45	81.08	+0.88	1.00
Euro Sel Opps	87.78	93.36	+1.13	1.29
American Emerg	73.00	78.28	+1.63	...
Hong Kong	95.48	102.39	+1.38	2.14
Japan	148.31	157.83	+1.64	...
Pacific Growth	129.23	138.58	+2.45	0.64
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	110.00	117.65	+0.78	0.95
American Gth	112.81	120.66	+1.44	0.35
European Gth	62.80	67.17	+0.59	0.92
German Horizn	43.78	46.71	+0.27	0.92
Japan Gth	56.39	60.30	+0.55	...
Pacific Inc	114.19	122.13	+2.73	3.22
Pacific Strategy	92.19	98.55	+1.03	...
UK Prog Inc	67.91	72.63	+0.24	6.11
Gt British Cos	45.67	48.85	+0.39	2.60
UK Small Coc	40.15	42.94	+0.31	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.60	129.60	...	6.95
Gilt Fixed	116.20	123.20	+0.10	6.82
Growth Equity	274.49	293.10	+2.70	2.32
Guardhill	402.80	430.30	+3.30	2.56

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Income Trust	97.44	104.10	+0.70	4.80
International	138.20	147.80	+0.70	0.27
Japan Trust	91.95	98.23	+0.57	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	238.40	254.60	+1.80	0.46
Pacific	295.80	316.00	+2.60	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	308.30	329.30	+1.10	0.45
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838866				
Global Adv Inc	32.33	34.28	+0.10	1.95
-do- Acc	33.70	35.73	+0.10	1.95
Inc Adv Inc	27.42	29.07	+0.20	4.63
-do- Acc	28.27	29.97	+0.20	4.63
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	59.30	63.52	+0.31	0.68
Equity Income	104.20	110.90	+1.00	3.99
European	125.80	133.00	-0.30	1.55
Intl Situation	66.56	70.81	+0.65	...
Japanese	101.10	107.90	+0.80	...
North American	97.04	103.00	+1.30	0.07
Scandinavian	98.27	103.90	+0.50	0.60
Smaller Cos	27.41	29.16	+0.05	2.74
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XF. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.23	93.28	+1.34	...
Asian Enterprise	106.63	114.42	+1.33	1.11
Australian	112.16	119.89	+0.07	1.45
European	329.99	349.59	+2.48	1.21
European Inc	64.06	67.80	+0.74	3.09
Euro Sml Co	109.59	116.95	+0.82	1.22
Extra Income	238.76	254.18	+0.99	5.48
Family of Funds	62.83	67.07	-0.17	1.64
Fixed Interest	53.88	57.62	+0.02	8.91
Global Resour	69.95	75.08	+0.45	1.78
High Inc	255.45	273.07	+1.06	4.95
Income Gth	217.64	231.78	+1.63	4.07
-do- Acc	547.69	583.28	+4.10	4.07
International	205.50	218.59	+2.17	1.04
Japan Spc Slt	167.88	178.50	+1.90	...
Japan	144.05	153.13	+1.47	...
N Amer	219.23	233.36	+2.05	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	143.50	154.08	+0.84	1.46
Pref Gth	44.49	48.35	+0.18	9.39
Smaller Cos Div	146.74	159.93	-0.59	4.66
Special Sits	238.19	254.85	+1.76	1.68
-do- Acc	364.79	390.31	+2.70	1.68
Best of British	52.01	55.52	+0.49	2.52
Spirit of the East	48.01	51.23	+0.94	0.71
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	83.84	89.66	+1.46	2.72
Capital	143.70	153.60	+1.10	2.56
Dollar	287.80	307.80	+2.40	0.27
European	177.30	189.60	+2.20	0.80
Far East	200.60	214.50	+3.00	0.86
Financial	595.00	636.30	+9.10	2.89
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	24.82	25.78	+0.04	8.99
High Yield	91.80	98.18	+1.06	5.59
Income	122.70	131.20	+1.30	4.17
Intl	189.40	202.50	-1.70	0.53
Japan Tech	50.12	53.60	+0.57	...
Nat Resources	48.45	51.81	+0.40	0.64
Security	278.30	297.60	-2.60	2.60
Smaller Cos	99.49	106.40	+0.20	2.01
Special Sits	124.60	133.20	+0.80	2.71
US Smaller Cos	68.97	73.76	+0.60	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	230.10	242.20	+2.40	1.49
Capital Gwth	97.84	103.00	...	2.61
Inv Trusts	111.30	117.20	...	0.82
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.74	22.17	+0.11	2.13
Special Features	25.17	26.74	+0.30	1.83
-do- Acc	29.52	31.36	+0.34	1.83
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.50	53.04	+0.52	2.74
Assets Earnings	66.21	70.34	+0.58	2.22
do Acc	77.94	82.81	+0.69	2.20
Managed Invest	75.54	80.75	+0.79	1.44
Rupert Children	71.84	76.73	+0.73	1.88
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.37	51.37	+0.01	5.86
Extra Inc	72.40	77.83	+0.66	5.08
Gilt	26.86	28.28	+0.07	7.36
Income Gth	35.70	38.20	+0.15	3.72
MIMstar	74.48	76.46	-0.17	8.85
Preference	17.21	18.28	+0.09	7.36
UK Income	281.90	301.70	+1.00	3.81
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	48.78	51.82	+0.62	1.99
Property Shares	50.68	53.84	+0.24	2.61
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	130.90	137.70	+0.90	3.77
European Acc	102.20	108.20	+0.90	2.11
European Dist	97.25	103.00	+0.80	2.11
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.66	49.63	+0.51	1.03
European Perf	96.87	102.70	+1.30	1.35
-do- Acc	98.68	104.60	+1.30	1.35
Euro Small Cos	18.23	19.40	+0.29	1.02
French Growth	62.15	65.82	+0.57	0.80
-do- Acc	65.71	69.59	+0.61	0.80
Hong K/China	57.25	61.36	+1.17	1.85
Intl Growth	44.98	47.79	+0.38	0.91
-do- Acc	44.98	47.79	+0.38	1.11
Japan Perf	23.57	25.02	+0.34	...
Accum Units	23.57	25.02	+0.34	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.51	27.07	+0.36	...
Singapore Asean	62.33	67.54	+0.76	0.73
-do- Acc	62.72	67.96	+0.76	0.73
South East Asia	188.40	203.10	+2.80	1.04
US Smllr Cos	103.80	110.30	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	104.90	111.40	+1.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	74.44	79.26	+0.65	3.00
Intl Bond	54.73	55.46	+0.51	6.63
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.42	68.76	...	6.38
Extra Income	48.80	51.91	+0.33	7.42
Gilt Yield	116.20	122.80	+0.50	6.33
Global Income	179.10	190.50	+1.80	4.49
High Yield	122.00	129.80	+0.60	6.73
Smllr Cos Div	39.76	42.30	+0.41	6.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.64	92.17	+0.81	...
North American	72.33	76.95	+1.24	0.25
European	120.30	128.00	+0.80	0.93
Euro Special	71.53	76.10	+0.62	1.09
General	252.30	268.40	+1.60	3.59
Japan	288.90	307.30	+2.90	...
Japanese Special	155.80	165.50	+2.20	...
Master Acc	199.20	211.90	+1.30	1.56
Pacific	218.20	232.10	+3.60	0.80
Smaller Cos	87.35	92.93	+2.69	2.49
UK Equity Gth	32.15	34.20	+0.07	2.89
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	66.90	71.17	+0.47	0.96
Extra Income	22.84	24.30	+0.48	3.91

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	21.02	22.36	+0.20	0.97
Income Gwth	68.80	73.20	+1.36	3.10
Intl Growth	45.36	48.26	+0.45	1.01
Japan	46.26	49.21	+0.50	...
Maximum Dist*	99.61	101.60	...	8.33
N Amer Equity	37.03	39.39	+0.07	0.47
UK Equity	80.96	86.13	+0.88	2.48
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	49.93	53.12	+0.51	5.01
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	400.70	426.30	+3.80	3.09
Equity Acc	754.60	802.80	+7.20	3.09
Equity Income	84.15	89.52	+0.59	5.48
European	87.66	93.26	+0.95	1.77
Far Eastern	143.10	152.20	-1.80	0.38
Fixed Interest	48.42	51.51	+0.01	8.00
Gilt	88.10	93.43	+0.14	6.80
Global Growth	56.40	60.06	+0.71	1.13
Intl Bond	53.84	57.28	-0.60	5.40
Japanese	49.59	52.76	+0.83	...
Overseas Equity	83.66	89.00	+1.20	0.93
Pacific Gth	70.81	75.33	+0.98	1.39
North American	129.40	137.70	+1.30	1.25
UK Recovery	70.32	74.81	+0.45	2.79
UK Smllr Cos	92.77	98.69	-0.04	2.14
Worldwide	68.97	73.37	+0.54	2.81
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	294.60	313.50	+2.90	3.23
-do- Acc	637.80	678.60	+6.30	3.23
Contl Euro Gth	46.99	49.47	+0.47	1.61
-do- Acc	49.70	52.32	+0.49	1.61
Extra Inc	222.80	237.10	+5.10	4.36
-do- Acc	542.00	576.60	+12.60	4.35
German Gth	91.23	96.04	+0.45	0.38
-do- Acc	95.68	100.80	+0.50	0.38
Income	418.60	445.40	+2.70	4.05
-do- Acc	1061.0	1129.0	+7.00	4.05
Japan Growth	68.63	73.02	-1.13	0.01
-do- Acc	68.87	73.27	-1.13	0.01
Master Trust	48.18	51.26	-0.01	1.51
-do- Acc	52.40	55.75	-0.01	1.51
N American Gen	178.80	190.30	-1.30	0.01
-do- Acc	206.70	219.90	-1.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	133.10	141.60	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	135.80	144.50	+1.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	177.70	189.10	+5.80	0.55
-do- Acc	187.00	199.00	+6.20	0.55
Small Cos Rec	273.90	288.40	-9.40	2.62
-do- Acc	353.30	371.90	-12.30	2.62
UK Growth	74.70	79.47	+2.08	2.45
-do- Acc	87.10	92.67	+2.44	2.45
Worldwide Gth	250.50	266.50	+2.80	0.32
-do- Acc	369.10	392.70	+4.20	0.32
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	72.99	78.32	+0.67	3.20
Income	54.71	58.70	+0.55	6.50
International	50.34	54.01	+0.36	0.50
American	56.95	61.10	+0.44	0.40
Japan	36.23	38.87	+0.31	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	48.35	51.88	+0.17	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	364.50	385.30	+0.40	0.84
-do- Acc	448.80	474.40	+0.50	0.84
American Rec	368.00	389.20	+0.30	0.67
-do- Acc	421.00	445.30	+0.40	0.67
Am Sm Co Acc	114.20	120.70	+0.20	...
Australia Acc	116.10	122.70	-1.30	1.96
Capital	569.50	602.20	+2.30	3.53
-do- Acc	620.10	655.70	+2.50	3.53
Commodity Acc	332.90	352.00	+1.00	1.72
Compnd Gth	745.50	788.40	+4.10	3.59
Dividend	31.00	33.20	+0.30	5.01
-do- Acc	120.60	129.10	+0.90	5.01
Equity Inc	256.40	274.40	+1.80	6.26
European Div	52.50	56.10	+0.70	5.23
-do- Acc	59.30	63.40	+0.80	5.23
European Gen	344.50	364.30	+2.70	1.85
-do- Acc	430.30	455.00	+3.30	1.85
Extra Yield	326.00	348.80	+3.60	5.36
-do- Acc	936.90	1002.4	+10.50	5.36
Far Eastern	231.10	244.40	+2.20	1.61
-do- Acc	303.10	320.60	+2.90	1.61
Fund of Inv	435.90	461.00	+1.00	2.79
-do- Acc	786.50	831.80	+1.80	2.79
General	48.20	51.00	+0.10	4.28
-do- Acc	127.10	134.50	+0.50	4.28
Gilt Fxd Int	60.40	60.40	+0.10	9.39
do Acc	146.90	147.00	+0.30	9.39
Gold	29.40	31.10	+0.90	2.30
-do- Acc	34.30	36.30	+0.50	2.70
High Inc	21.60	22.80	+0.20	5.65
-do- Acc	79.60	84.10	+0.50	5.65
Intl Growth	60.50	64.30	+0.30	1.19
-do- Acc	104.20	110.80	+0.30	1.19
Intl Inc	80.20	85.40	+0.60	5.57
Japan Gen Acc	36.30	38.30	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	103.50	109.40	+0.40	0.10
Midland	45.00	47.60	+0.20	5.10
-do- Acc	142.30	150.50	+0.60	5.10
Recovery	31.70	33.90	+0.10	3.74
-do- Acc	49.90	53.30	+0.20	3.74
Second Gen	52.90	55.90	...	4.33
-do- Acc	129.40	136.80	...	4.33
Smaller Cos	52.70	55.70	+0.10	4.16
-do- Acc	98.20	103.80	+0.20	4.16
Trustee	34.00	36.00	...	4.70
Charibond 3	1109.39	...	-0.30	4.85
Charifund 2	569.90	575.60	+3.20	5.63
Pension ex 1	789.50	809.30	+1.30	4.92
NAACIF Inc 3	343.75	...	...	8.34
-do- Acc 3	1005.5	...	...	8.34
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	124.00	132.60	+0.84	2.71
-do- Acc	137.70	147.20	+0.84	2.71
UK Income	101.80	108.80	+0.74	3.30
-do- Acc	113.50	121.40	+0.74	3.30
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	68.81	73.59	+0.49	0.68
Far East (Pacific)	107.80	114.40	+0.80	0.50
Income Growth	66.88	70.99	+0.03	3.89
European	59.90	63.58	+0.20	2.17
Nth American	52.93	56.18	+0.13	1.29
UK Growth	71.02	75.39	+0.10	1.63
Intl Growth	79.43	84.32	+0.36	0.65
Charities	100.70	106.80	+0.10	4.69
Intl Income	59.09	62.72	+0.42	4.39
Japan	36.80	39.06	+0.24	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	181.90	192.90	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	194.40	206.30	+2.30	...
Cash	101.50	101.50	...	6.89
-do- Acc	127.40	127.40	...	6.89
European Gth	178.20	189.40	+2.10	0.37
-do- Acc	190.80	202.70	+2.20	0.37
General	433.90	462.40	+4.20	2.77
-do- Acc	812.50	866.70	+7.60	2.77
Global Dist	127.60	134.00	+0.80	5.51
-do- Acc	139.80	146.80	+0.80	5.51
Income	128.80	137.40	+1.10	5.30
-do- Acc	185.30	197.60	+1.50	5.30
International	333.10	354.40	+1.90	1.17
-do- Acc	442.20	470.50	+2.50	1.17

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	135.60	143.90	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	139.30	147.70	+1.40	...
New Europe	123.30	131.60	+0.80	1.52
-do- Acc	123.30	131.60	+0.80	1.52
Recovery	260.40	277.80	+0.70	3.44
-do- Acc	325.40	347.10	+0.90	3.44
European Inc	69.03	73.05	+0.78	3.27
-do- Acc	87.57	92.68	+1.00	3.21
Brit Blue Chip	67.83	72.26	+0.73	3.69
-do- Acc	79.43	84.61	+0.87	3.69
Portfolio	68.70	73.10	+0.62	3.30
-do- Acc	76.98	81.91	+0.70	3.30
Gold General	47.63	50.81	+0.45	4.78
-do- Acc	48.29	51.51	+0.45	4.78
Pacific	78.17	83.39	+1.60	0.69
-do- Acc	82.64	88.15	+1.70	0.60
UK Smaller Cos	45.42	48.45	+0.10	1.84
-do- Acc	50.50	53.87	+0.17	1.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	54.50	58.29	+0.25	3.81
-do- Acc	54.50	58.29	+0.25	3.81
British Dist	73.75	78.88	+0.58	2.51
-do- Acc	81.47	87.13	+0.64	2.51
European Gth	153.00	163.20	+1.30	0.37
-do- Acc	192.60	204.90	+1.70	0.37
Extra High Inc	63.29	66.88	+0.36	7.14
-do- Acc	110.00	117.60	+0.20	7.14
Gilt Fixed Int	55.02	57.34	+0.19	7.24
-do- Acc	142.80	148.80	+0.50	7.24
High Yield	198.90	212.70	+1.00	5.57
-do- Acc	456.40	488.10	+2.30	5.57
Income	256.00	273.80	+1.60	4.34
-do- Acc	525.60	561.10	+3.40	4.34
Japan Gth	241.70	258.40	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	255.10	272.80	+3.20	...
Mandarin Acc	81.45	87.17	+1.04	1.43
North American	195.20	186.00	+1.00	0.79
-do- Acc	195.10	208.70	+1.20	0.79
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	240.00	255.60	+1.50	0.48
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16	+0.02	7.24
Deposit Acc	120.94	120.94	+0.01	7.24
Euro Gth Acc	221.00	246.90	+3.90	...
Europa	105.20	113.20	+1.60	...
Intl Gth	145.90	155.80	+1.50	...
Japan Tracker	52.69	56.82	+0.49	...
UK Equity Inc	131.90	142.10	+0.50	5.52
-do- Acc	158.80	171.10	+0.60	5.52
UK Ind Tracker	133.70	143.20	+1.30	3.69
US Eq Ind Trkr	179.70	192.10	+1.20	1.39
-do- Acc	189.10	202.10	+1.20	1.39
Asian Trader	124.50	135.10	+2.20	1.14
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	163.20	166.80	+1.40	2.65
European	55.62	56.90	+0.36	1.37
Olympiad	48.21	49.40	+0.53	0.82
Global Bond	45.78	46.31	+0.08	7.09
Smaller Cos	55.49	58.00	...	1.87
Equity Income	86.13	88.60	+0.62	5.32
UK Growth	78.59	81.19	+0.72	1.84
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387736				
American Acc	44.86	47.85	+0.47	0.75
Australian Acc	245.00	262.80	+0.10	...
Conscience	58.84	62.79	+0.23	1.47
-do- Acc	63.15	67.39	+0.26	1.47
European	154.90	165.20	+1.20	1.31
-do- Acc	165.30	176.30	+1.30	1.31
Extra Income	68.52	73.12	+0.39	6.23
-do- Acc	102.50	109.30	+0.50	6.23
Far East Gth	128.90	137.30	+2.00	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.15	60.49	+0.20	7.62
Gold	24.29	26.11	+0.67	...
-do- Acc	26.16	28.12	+0.73	...
Income	47.93	51.12	+0.33	5.58
-do- Acc	143.70	153.20	+1.00	5.58
International	26.33	28.25	+0.38	0.96
-do- Acc	37.84	40.60	+0.51	0.96
Jap Sm Cos Acc	225.70	240.70	+1.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	135.60	145.40	+2.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	22.36	24.04	+0.43	2.00
Special Sits	29.76	32.00	+0.21	1.91
-do- Acc	33.96	36.51	+0.22	1.91
Tokyo	58.97	62.90	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	59.57	63.54	+0.46	...
US Smllr Co Acc	100.90	107.90	+0.70	...
UK Equity	150.20	160.20	+1.40	3.13
-do- Acc	278.40	296.90	+2.70	3.13
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	63.57	67.63	+0.44	3.07
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.32	76.53	+0.59	7.12
N&P Higher Inc	166.50	176.70	+1.10	3.52
N&P UK Income	91.62	97.99	+0.52	4.47
N&P Intl	78.78	84.72	+0.76	2.37
N&P Smaller Cos	63.87	68.32	+0.18	2.01
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	148.77	158.27	+2.68	2.91
Global	240.28	255.62	+2.34	1.21
Income	183.06	194.75	+0.92	4.19
Intl Bond	119.00	126.60	+1.07	7.31
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	128.90	135.70	+1.20	3.02
-do- Acc	223.30	235.00	+2.10	3.02
Income	199.70	212.40	+1.70	4.11
Intl Equity	190.90	203.10	+1.80	1.26
-do- Acc	209.00	222.30	+2.00	1.26
Equity	202.10	215.00	+2.10	2.81
-do- Acc	409.80	435.90	+4.20	2.81
UK Intl 25 Acc	62.87	66.87	+0.62	2.25
UK Income	54.52	57.99	+0.38	3.58
UK Smllr Co Acc	62.31	66.28	+0.22	2.12
New Europe Acc	57.13	60.77	+0.62	1.67
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	76.01	81.30	+1.40	0.26
PEP Gth Inc	88.01	94.13	+0.87	1.28
Intl Gth	417.21	446.22	+3.79	1.44
Income	260.63	278.75	+1.96	4.50
W wide Recov	256.01	273.81	+3.12	1.85
American Gth	189.66	202.85	+1.42	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	155.45	166.26	+1.00	0.25
Far East Gth	159.85	170.97	+2.09	0.39
European Gth	101.17	108.21	+0.89	1.26
UK Growth	67.89	72.61	+0.35	3.21
High Income	71.34	76.30	+0.59	5.36
Japanese Gth	145.74	155.31	+1.02	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	153.70	163.50	+1.70	1.06
High Income	99.54	105.90	+1.90	4.15
Conv Gilt	103.30	109.90	-0.20	6.80
Far East	257.10	273.50	+1.80	0.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	47.27	50.29	+0.51	0.58
Emerging Mkts	52.91	56.29	+1.14	0.26

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	44.68	47.53	+0.50	3.60
International	75.06	79.85	+0.78	1.43
Gilt Units	24.88	25.65	+0.07	8.29
Global PEP	32.69	34.78	+0.46	2.34
Income Gth	57.87	61.56	+0.55	5.71
European	39.48	42.00	+0.40	1.26
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.46	26.02	+0.11	6.40
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Prioritydesk 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	26.86	28.72	+0.29	1.95
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.59	101.59	+0.01	6.35
-do- Acc	105.57	105.57	+0.01	6.35
Pru Equity	620.26	663.48	+5.72	2.82
Pru Equity Inc	74.39	79.56	+0.32	4.55
Pru European	156.72	167.61	+2.18	2.01
Pru Global Gth	71.32	76.27	+0.83	1.68
Pru High Inc	79.43	84.95	+0.47	5.75
Pru Intl	137.85	147.43	+1.83	1.47
Pru Intl Sm Co	59.08	63.18	+0.65	1.02
Pru Japanese	128.32	137.24	+2.11	...
Pru Nth Amer	132.61	141.82	+1.94	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkts	63.52	67.93	+1.06	2.07
Pru Prefer Inc	47.82	49.79	+0.07	7.69
Pru Smllr Cos	73.96	79.10	+0.13	2.65
Pru Spec Sits	91.41	97.76	+0.77	2.73
Pru UK Growth	108.34	130.82	+0.96	2.62
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2081/4				
Income	143.16	154.17	+0.90	4.02
Japan	195.63	209.62	+2.23	...
Major UK Cos	88.36	95.13	+0.99	2.80
America Income	437.07	468.84	+5.36	0.70
-do- Acc	507.66	544.56	+6.22	0.70
Smllr UK Cos	236.85	251.80	+0.28	2.13
Smllr European	225.94	240.87	+2.38	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	66.13	70.35	+0.13	4.04
Capital Units	128.90	137.10	+0.80	1.70
Commodity	82.20	87.44	+0.71	1.30
European Gth	136.90	145.20	+1.20	1.20
Financial Sec	151.20	160.80	+2.20	2.35
High Return	196.10	208.60	+1.20	5.21
High Yield	193.00	205.30	+1.00	4.51
Income Units	99.17	105.50	-0.90	6.86
Investment	150.50	160.10	+1.00	1.85
Japan Gth	100.90	107.30	+0.90	...
Japan Smaller	139.30	148.10	+0.70	...
Masterfund	40.85	43.45	+0.24	1.34
Scotbits	220.20	234.20	+3.30	2.36
Scotshares	232.90	247.30	-0.20	4.22
Scotyields	211.40	224.80	+1.40	4.40
Select Intl	114.40	121.70	+0.60	0.76
Smaller Cos	197.20	209.70	-0.10	4.89
Special Situation	100.40	106.80	+0.90	0.89
UK Equity	206.00	219.10	+1.30	2.95
US Growth	130.10	138.40	-0.30	0.37
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	228.50	243.73	+2.58	0.61
-do- Acc	246.86	263.31	+2.79	0.61
Australian	110.69	118.06	+0.30	0.30
-do- Acc	129.28	137.90	+0.35	0.30
UK Enterprise	185.06	197.39	+2.21	3.92
-do- Acc	213.75	228.00	+2.55	3.92
European Gth	56.92	60.71	+0.58	1.36
-do- Acc	58.92	62.84	+0.59	7.35
Euro Smllr Cos	50.85	54.23	+0.55	0.77
-do- Acc	51.19	54.60	+0.55	0.77
Far Eastern Gth	57.58	61.41	+1.05	...
-do- Acc	58.50	62.40	+1.07	...
Fixed Interest	51.46	54.25	-0.21	7.06
-do- Acc	61.85	64.99	+0.25	7.06
Gilt Income	101.05	106.50	+0.48	8.80
-do- Acc	136.82	143.99	+0.64	8.80
Income	277.50	296.00	+2.25	4.50
-do- Acc	803.78	857.38	+6.52	4.50
Japan Enterprise	47.34	50.49	+0.59	...
-do- Acc	47.34	50.49	+0.57	...
Japan Smllr Cos	300.38	320.40	+3.02	...
-do- Acc	300.98	321.04	+3.03	...
Pacific Gth	74.84	79.82	+1.25	0.86
-do- Acc	76.65	81.75	+1.28	0.86
Smaller Cos	166.23	177.31	+0.31	1.73
-do- Acc	190.51	203.20	+0.35	1.73
Tokyo	76.46	81.55	+0.87	...
-do- Acc	77.23	82.38	+0.88	...
UK Equity	188.22	200.76	+1.64	3.41
-do- Acc	348.53	371.76	+3.02	3.41
US Smllr Cos	119.01	126.94	+1.86	...
-do- Acc	119.01	126.94	+1.86	...
World Fd	64.33	68.61	+0.54	1.91
-do- Acc	67.30	71.78	+0.56	1.91
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	38.57	41.08	+0.39	5.23
Equity Strategy	57.69	61.44	+0.75	2.69
European Opps	65.46	69.71	+0.38	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.37	103.01	+0.01	6.21
UK Smaller Cos	44.74	47.65	+0.13	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	322.40	344.80	+3.20	3.27
American	225.40	240.90	+2.00	0.94
Pacific	256.80	274.70	+3.40	0.95
European	409.50	438.00	+4.40	1.36
Worldwide	72.19	77.21	+0.70	1.82
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	286.20	304.50	+2.80	3.10
UK Sm Cos Eqty	181.70	193.40	+0.30	3.19
European	300.90	320.20	+3.40	1.80
North American	237.60	252.80	+2.00	0.53
Income Plus Inc	59.41	63.21	+0.73	4.10
UK Spec Sits	61.88	65.84	+0.73	2.79
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	23.54	25.19	+0.23	3.52
Intl Growth Acc	24.84	26.69	+0.34	1.33
Global Inc Acc	28.71	30.73	+0.21	4.26
Market Ldrs Acc	24.11	25.81	+0.25	3.51
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	79.03	84.52	+1.00	...
Euro Spec Sits	39.56	42.02	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	41.88	44.49	+0.39	...
Far East Opps	26.96	29.06	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	27.30	29.86	+0.46	...
General Growth	93.07	100.00	+0.90	...
Global Tech	119.10	128.40	+2.40	...
Income Growth	92.15	99.34	+0.55	4.16
Income Monthly	53.81	57.55	+0.11	5.45
Japan Growth	58.61	62.32	+0.57	...
Overseas Gth	66.60	70.87	+0.74	...
Smaller Cos	64.85	69.73	-0.01	2.05
Special Opps	87.46	94.04	+0.73	2.25
Wld Spec Sits	40.38	43.47	+0.44	...
-do- Acc	40.48	43.57	+0.44	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	40.35	42.88	+0.10	1.91
Equity Gth Acc	56.14	59.65	...	1.16

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	39.75	42.24	+0.20	2.57
-do- Acc	52.16	55.42	+0.30	2.57
European Acc	37.78	40.15	+0.30	1.44
Far East Acc	42.35	45.00	+0.10	0.41
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.30	30.99	...	7.00
N American Acc	41.86	44.48	+0.10	0.91
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	232.00	251.80	+0.10	1.77
UK Eq High Inc	32.63	34.67	+0.30	4.27
-do- Acc	38.22	40.61	+0.30	4.27
UK Lgr Cos Inc	273.40	296.70	+1.00	4.09
UK Lgr Cos Acc	351.70	381.60	+1.30	4.09
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bishops Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.27	NZ$3.47	...	1.10
US Eq	$1.906	$2.025	...	0.90
Far East Eq	Y195.9	Y208.2	...	...
Japan Eq	Y192.5	Y204.5	...	1.00
FT Europe	104.50	111.00	...	0.90
FT North Am	$1.677	$1.782	...	...
FT Japan	Y190.6	Y201.5	...	1.30
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.50	106.80	...	...
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	329.90	358.50	+0.40	0.31
British	871.40	921.90	+1.00	4.88
European	337.30	359.20	+3.00	1.78
Japan	108.40	113.20	+0.90	...
New Pacific	257.40	274.10	+3.60	1.53
Mngd Cash	95.61	95.61	...	6.50
Majority Stg	99.77	100.77	+0.02	6.14
Inv Tst	164.40	174.30	+0.80	2.21
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	679.30	726.50	+6.60	2.50
N America Acc	106.60	114.00	+1.20	0.46
Far East Acc	99.62	106.50	+1.60	0.29
W wide Bond	57.74	61.30	+0.68	5.36
European	75.21	80.44	+0.92	0.45
Equity Income	75.24	80.47	+0.61	4.49
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.11	34.35	+0.26	0.74
Managed Assets	110.08	117.74	+1.02	3.83
UK Income	33.86	36.22	+0.37	4.27
UK Growth	34.12	36.50	+0.44	2.90
Worldwide Gth	27.02	28.90	+0.19	0.00
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	188.72	200.77	+2.09	0.30
-do- Acc	207.28	220.51	+2.29	0.30
British Gth	79.68	84.76	+0.80	2.36
-do- Acc	92.98	98.92	+0.95	2.36
European	83.78	89.13	+0.64	0.74
-do- Acc	88.37	94.01	+0.67	0.74
Extra Inc	170.96	181.87	+1.39	4.86
-do- Acc	268.38	285.51	+2.17	4.86
General Unit	244.82	260.45	+2.32	2.78
-do- Acc	482.98	513.80	+4.57	2.78
Income	296.78	315.72	+0.64	3.93
-do- Acc	604.49	643.07	+1.30	3.93
International	444.01	472.35	+2.58	0.72
-do- Acc	580.40	617.44	+3.38	0.72
Pacific	274.81	292.36	+2.34	0.06
-do- Acc	287.81	306.18	+2.44	0.06
Premier Income	48.61	50.64	+0.61	7.04
-do- Acc	99.81	103.98	+0.33	7.04
Nat Resources	80.17	85.29	+0.35	...
-do- Acc	87.91	93.52	+0.38	...
Selected Opps	86.66	92.19	+0.79	1.23
-do- Acc	108.22	115.12	+0.99	1.23
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	115.90	123.70	+0.90	0.42
Australia	6.000	6.440	+0.01	1.24
Equity	168.80	180.60	+1.20	5.67
Euro Spec Sits	131.30	139.50	+1.30	0.62
Financial	35.05	37.45	+0.20	3.24
Global Opps Inc	80.03	85.59	+0.72	2.35
-do- Acc	82.96	88.71	+0.74	2.35
Gold Gen Inc	34.68	37.15	+0.60	1.18
-do- Acc	66.17	70.94	+1.19	1.16
Income	109.40	117.20	+0.50	5.28
Japan General	109.70	116.70	+1.70	...
Preference	20.78	22.25	+0.05	8.11
UK Capital	96.51	103.20	-0.30	3.37
Worldwide Cap	182.40	194.80	+1.50	3.30
World Income	75.34	80.27	+0.44	3.79
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	69.07	73.67	+0.73	...
-do- Acc	71.36	75.98	+0.75	...
Cash	50.87	50.87	+0.01	6.98
-do- Acc	60.55	60.55	+0.01	6.98
European Opps	56.42	60.17	+0.68	0.49
-do- Acc	57.01	60.79	+0.68	0.49
Far East Opps	123.70	131.94	+1.13	0.74
-do- Acc	126.90	135.02	+1.15	0.74
Gold/Nat. Res	31.35	33.22	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	32.04	34.17	+0.48	...
Japan	57.18	60.90	+0.53	...
-do- Acc	57.38	60.80	+0.53	...
Little Dragons	58.15	62.02	+0.57	0.80
-do- Acc	59.65	63.62	+0.59	0.80
Oriental Income	36.20	38.61	+0.21	4.12
-do- Acc	45.70	48.74	+0.26	4.12
Tiger	185.23	197.57	+2.24	1.33
-do- Acc	193.75	206.66	+2.33	1.33
UK Small Cos	60.63	64.84	+0.17	2.51
-do- Acc	69.52	74.35	+0.31	2.51
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Galeem Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	207.80	221.70	+1.60	4.78
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.34	9.93	+0.08	0.50
Pacific Basin	27.07	28.79	+0.32	0.80
Canadian Gth	31.29	33.28	+0.33	0.10
Global Bond	$0.947	$0.986	-0.003	7.41
Penny Share	18.68	19.87	+0.08	1.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	51.98	51.98	...	6.92
Gilt Growth	63.22	65.79	+0.14	...
Gilt Income	50.87	52.94	+0.14	8.69
Short Dtd Gilt	107.80	109.20	+0.40	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.706	$0.715	-0.000	...
Challenger	87.79	89.84	+0.40	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388846				
Stockmarket Fd	63.71	67.77	+0.45	2.33

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	7,100	Coats Vyla	3,000	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	816
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Cm Union	634	Lloyds Bk	2,500	Scot Power	1,800
Anglian W	1,900	Courtaulds	1,200	MB Cardn	1,600	Sears	6,700
Argyll Gp	1,600	De La Rue	718	Marks Spr	12,000	Svrn Trent	2,500
Arjo Wig	3,200	Eng China C	793	NFC	1,800	Shell Trans	5,800
AB Foods	883	Enterpr Oil	651	NatWst Bk	8,800	Siebe	474
BAA	1,500	Fisons	1,100	Nat Power	3,700	SmKl Bch	3,900
BAT Inds	1,800	Forte	9,000	Nth Wst W	2,600	Smith Nph	2,700
BOC	732	GRE	3,200	Nthm Fds	848	Smith (WH)	390
BP	13,000	GUS A	631	P & O	1,400	Sthern Elec	315
BT	9,300	Gen Acc	753	Pearson	747	Std Chartd	2,200
BTR	2,400	Gen Elec	2,700	PowerGen	2,600	Sun Allnce	1,300
Bk of Scot	4,600	Glaxo	4,700	Prudential	3,600	TI Gp	2,200
Barclays	8,600	Granada	2,600	RTZ	1,500	TSB	5,000
Bass	4,200	Grand Met	6,200	Rank Org	1,500	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Blue Circle	5,400	Guinness	1,900	Reckitt Col	410	Tesco	8,000
Boots	2,600	HSBC	11,000	Redland	1,700	Thames W	3,100
Bowater	1,400	Hanson	5,500	Reed Intl	1,100	Thrn EMI	1,500
Brit Airwys	5,000	ICI	2,900	Rentokil	730	Tomkins	3,700
Brit Gas	6,700	Inchcape	1,700	Reuters	1,300	Unilever	1,100
Brit Steel	2,600	Kingfisher	1,200	Rothmans	688	Utd Bisc	2,100
Burmah Cstrl	836	Kwik Save	388	Ryl Ins	1,400	Vodafone	6,100
Cable Wire	2,300	LASMO	1,800	Ryl Bk Scot	3,800	Wellcome	2,300
Cadbury	2,900	Ladbroke	4,800	Sainsbury	1,600	Whitbd 'A'	780
Carlton Com	830	Land Secs	1,300	Scot Hydro	3,500	Wlms Hld	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3243.03 (+1.08)
S&P Composite 433.48 (+0.11)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16538.68 (+28.50)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5914.39 (+37.37)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 99.3 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO 1519.1 (-2.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1573.67 (-1.21)

FT 30 share: 2143.7 (+9.8)

Brussels:
General 5711.44 (-48.43)

Paris: CAC 477.52 (-3.42)

Zurich: SKA Gen 462.4 (+5.4)

London:
FT A All-Share 1344.64 (+10.06)
FT 500 1485.69 (+8.12)
FT Gold Mines 61.8 (+1.8)
FT Fixed Interest 108.89 (+0.22)
FT Govt Secs 94.05 (+0.57)
Bargains 30508
SEAQ Volume 701.0m
USM (Datastrm) 125.36 (-0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 11	January 29	April 15	April 26

Call options were taken out on 21/1/93: Allied Leisure, Babcock, Bellway, Bodyshop, Burnfield, Caird, GM Firth, Haemocell, OMI, Tadpole, WPP.

Put: ML Labs.

Puts & Calls: A Fisher, Haemocell, Higgs & Hill, Hillsdown, Mirror Group.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2764.0	2794.0	2753.0	2785.0	10184
Previous open interest: 46572	Jun 93	2787.0	2800.0	2787.0	2805.0	24
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.51	93.72	93.48	93.69	47640
Previous open interest: 229667	Jun 93	93.87	94.01	93.83	93.95	26478
	Sep 93	93.94	94.10	93.93	94.06	11786
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.57	96.61	96.56	96.61	1013
Previous open interest: 19861	Jun 93	96.26	96.28	96.26	96.30	514
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.08	92.12	92.03	92.07	36760
Previous open interest: 410517	Jun 93	92.82	92.86	92.75	92.83	24655
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	105-17	105-20	105-15	105-18	27
Previous open interest: 988	Jun 93				104-11	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	99-27	100-22	99-25	100-20	47138
Previous open interest: 59025	Jun 93	100-16	101-08	100-16	101-07	81
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.23	109.27	109.21	109.22	477
	Jun 93				108.62	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	92.94	93.04	92.87	92.97	45567
Previous open interest: 156532	Jun 93	92.94	93.02	92.89	92.97	859
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.55	90.64	90.52	90.61	876
Previous open interest: 12467	Jun 93	91.62	91.63	91.58	91.65	791
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.47	94.62	94.47	94.59	10258
Previous open interest: 35669	Jun 93	94.86	94.91	94.82	94.91	2422
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	94.90	95.02	94.73	94.84	8034
Previous open interest: 25287	Jun 93				94.96	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.8 (day's range 79.8-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7515-2.7814	2.7538-2.7572	1/4-1/8ds	3/4-1ds
Brussels	50.20-50.83	50.45-50.55	3-8ds	12-19ds
Copenhagen	9.3990-9.5100	9.3990-9.4210	2 3/4-5 3/8ds	8 7/8-12 1/4ds
Dublin	0.9200-0.9238	0.9201-0.9236	74-135ds	186-311ds
Frankfurt	2.4472-2.4608	2.4472-2.4505	1/4-3/8ds	7/8-1ds
Lisbon	219.36-222.10	220.42-220.88	113-124ds	356-375ds
Madrid	172.67-175.43	172.82-173.70	108-116ds	315-320ds
Milan	2236.10-2260.20	2239.10-2248.20	9-11ds	30-32ds
Montreal	1.9488-1.9691	1.9507-1.9529	0.15pr-par	0.15-0.04pr
New York	1.5160-1.5375	1.5160-1.5170	0.53-0.51pr	1.38-1.36pr
Oslo	10.3690-10.4630	10.3890-10.4120	2 1/2-3 3/8ds	7 3/8-9 1/4ds
Paris	8.2620-8.3460	8.2620-8.2760	3 1/4-3 5/8ds	8 7/8-9 7/8ds
Stockholm	10.9650-11.0570	10.9650-10.9888	2 1/4-3 5/8ds	6 3/4-8 3/8ds
Tokyo	189.71-192.05	189.71-189.92	3/8-1/4pr	1 5/8-1 1/2pr
Vienna	17.16-17.38	17.23-17.28	1 1/4-2 3/8ds	4 7/8-6 3/4ds
Zurich	2.2429-2.2694	2.2471-2.2502	3/8-1/4pr	3/4-5/8pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5129-1.5155
Australia dollar	2.2813-2.2846
Bahrain dinar	0.5745-0.5865
Brazil cruzeiro*	22117.3-22155.7
Cyprus pound	0.7275-0.7375
Finland marka	8.2995-8.4155
Greece drachma	327.0-334.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.736-11.748
India rupee	44.12-45.08
Kuwait dinar KD	0.466-0.476
Malaysia ringgit	3.9346-3.9388
Mexico peso	4.74-4.84
New Zealand dollar	2.9597-2.9677
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.712-5.838
Singapore dollar	2.5111-2.5145
S Africa rand (fin)	7.23-7.40
S Africa rand (com)	4.6693-4.6755
U A E dirham	5.5955-5.7195

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5028-1.5039
Austria	11.32-11.34
Belgium (Com)	33.12-33.16
Canada	1.2860-1.2865
Denmark	6.200-6.204
France	5.450-5.455
Germany	1.615-1.616
Hong Kong	7.734-7.735
Ireland	1.6425-1.6475
Italy	1475.0-1476.0
Japan	125.14-125.19
Malaysia	2.592-2.593
Netherlands	1.815-1.816
Norway	6.84-6.85
Portugal	144.7-144.9
Singapore	1.6545-1.6555
Spain	113.9-114.4
Sweden	7.235-7.245
Switzerland	1.4795-1.4805

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7 1/2
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 7 Week fixed: 7 1/4
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 25/32; 3 mth 6 5/8. Sell: 2 mth 6 25/32; 3 mth: 6 5/8.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 25/32-6 23/32	6 11/16-6 5/8	6 9/16-6 1/2	6 13/32-6 11/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	7 3/16-7 1/16	7 1/8-7	6 29/32-6 27/32	6 5/8-6 9/16	6 3/8-6 1/4
Interbank:	7 1/4-7 1/16	7 1/8-7	6 15/16-6 27/32	6 5/8-6 9/16	6 1/2-6 3/8
Overnight: open 7 1/4, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	7	n/a	6 15/16	6 3/4	6 5/8
Sterling CDs:	7 1/16-7	6 31/32-6 15/16	6 7/8-6 3/4	6 5/8-6 9/16	6 3/8-6 1/4
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.17-3.14	3.33-3.30	3.75-3.72
Building Society CDs:	7 1/8-7 1/16	7 1/16-7 1/32	7-6 7/8	6 3/4-6 5/8	6 5/8-6 1/2

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1992 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1993 to Feb 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.38 %. Schemes II & III: 8.50 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 7.232 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/8-2 7/8	3 1/8-3	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 1/8-2 7/8
Deutschemark:	8 5/8-8 1/2	8 11/16-8 9/16	8 7/16-8 5/16	8 1/16-7 15/16	8 5/8-7 7/8
French Franc:	12 5/8-12 1/8	12-11 3/4	11 3/4-11 1/4	10 3/4-10 1/4	16-11
Swiss Franc:	5 7/8-5 5/8	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 5/8-5 1/2	5 3/8-5 1/4	5 1/4-4 1/2
Yen:	3 11/16-3 9/16	3 5/8-3 1/2	3 11/16-3 9/16	3 9/16-3 7/16	4 1/4-3 1/4

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $329.70-330.30 Close: $329.70-330.20 High: $329.70-330.30 Low: $328.75-329.25 Krugerrand: $328.50-330.50 (£215.50-217.50)

Sovereigns: Old $79.00-81.00 (£49.50-51.50) New $79.00-81.00 (£49.50-51.50)

Platinum $364.90 (£239.35) Silver: $3.73 (£2.455) Palladium: $111.35 (£73.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	35	70	80	1	7½	19
(*595½)	600	8	35	47	7	24	40
ASDA	60	7½	11	14	½	5	7
(*66½)	70	1	6	10½	6	10	12
Bass	550	50	64	79	2	12	22
(*595½)	600	8	33	50	12	30	42
Boots	500	18	38	46	3	13	25
(*516½)	550	1	13	22	36	42	54
Br Airways	260	10	25	32	4½	14½	23
(*264)	280	2½	14	21	17	23	34
BP	220	11	18	24	2	8½	13
(*231)	240	1½	9	14½	12	19	24
	260	1	3	8	32	34	38
Br Steel	60	5	10	13½	1	5	7½
(*53½)	70	1½	5½	8½	7	11	13
C & W	700	25	50	70	4	22	36
(*729)	750	2	26	42	35	47	64
CU	600	18	35	48	3	24	33
(*615½)	650	1½	13	26	37	57	65
Courtauld	500	48	62	73	1½	8	20
(*545½)	550	9	30	44	12	27	42
GKN	420	35	43	50	2	14	20
(*451½)	460	5	18	28	13	34	40
Grnd Met	420	18	35	50	3	15	22
(*439½)	460	2	17	30	28	36	42
ICI	1050	72	89	108	2	34	51
(*1122)	1100	23	54	80	7½	59	74
	1150	3½	29	58	38	93	107
Kingfshr	500	43	56	64	1	8½	20
(*541½)	550	4½	25	36	13	27	43
Ladbroke	180	18	27	32	2	11	17
(*194½)	200	5	13	23	8	21	29
Land Sec	420	30	41	46	1	5½	18
(*449)	460	2	15	22	16	23	41
M & S	300	24	32	38	1	7	11
(*322)	330	2	13	20	11	18	24
Sainsbury	550	13	34	45	5	22	30
(*557½)	600	1	13	25	42	48	53
Shell	500	21	29	39	1½	14	20
(*522)	550	1	7	17	32	49	52
Smkl Bch	475	29	-	-	2½	-	-
(*505½)	500	9	27	46	8	24	33
Storehse	200	17	25	32	1½	7½	12
(*214½)	220	3	14	22	7½	16	24
Trafalgar	50	11½	15	17	1½	4	8
(*61)	60	3½	9	12	3	9	13
Unilever	1050	57	79	95	1½	12	30
(*1105½)	1100	14	43	65	11	40	51
Utd Bisc	330	25	32	37	1½	11	15
(*354½)	360	3	14	22	10	26	31

January 21, 1993 Tot: 34917 Calls: 19741 Puts: 15176 FT-SE Calls: 6878 Puts: 5007

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	54	74	85	6	17	26
(*788)	800	19	40	57	25	39	48
BAT Ind	950	38	52	69	17	43	52
(*967½)	1000	16	30	46	45	74	81
BTR	500	46	50	56	3	11	17
(*539)	550	11	21	30	20	32	39
Br Aero	200	25	36	48	15	27	36
(*209)	220	13	29	38	21	41	48
Br Telcm	360	24	34	39	4	8	14
(*377½)	390	7	16½	21	18	21	30
Cadbury	460	23	30	39	7	22	27
(*473)	500	5½	14	24	34	47	51
Guinness	460	27	40	49	12	24	31
(*469½)	500	5½	21	30	34	47	55
GEC	260	14½	23	27	4	8½	14
(*267)	280	4½	12	16	15	19	25
Hanson	220	21	24½	27	2	5	7½
(*239)	240	7	11½	15½	7	13½	16½
LASMO	140	11½	18	24	7½	16	19
(*146)	160	4	10	15	21	29	33
Lucas	140	10	17	22	8	17	21
(*138½)	160	4	9	13½	25	31	33
P & O	500	44	57	65	8½	30	38
(*530)	550	16	30	40	32	60	67
Pilkingtn	90	15	20	23	4½	8	12
(*99)	100	8½	15	16½	9	13	16
Prudential	280	22	28	31	3	11	15
(*299½)	300	10	16	21	11	21	25
RTZ	600	62	70	72	5	18	25
(*657)	650	26	39	53	17	38	48
Scot New	420	30	44	50	6	13	22
(*443)	460	9½	23	30	26	32	42
Tesco	260	14	22	27	8	16	19
(*263)	280	5	12	17	20	26	30
Thames W	460	20	34	40	8	15	26
(*472)	500	4	15	20	35	38	50
Vodafone	360	35	47	55	4½	13	19
(*389)	390	15	30	39	16	26	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2773½)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
Feb	139	98	60	34	17	7
Mar	145	123	90	62	43	27
Apr	168	145	103	91	69	45
May	181	149	121	97	77	61
Jun	-	179	-	120	-	72
Puts						
Feb	12	20	38	67	98	140
Mar	28	43	60	86	117	173
Apr	50	68	84	103	130	182
May	62	85	107	134	164	198
Jun	-	85	-	138	-	199

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat.	330	30	35	42	11	16	21
(*359)	360	13	19	29	27	32	36
Amstrad	20	6½	7½	8	1	2	2
(*24½)	25	3	4½	5½	3	4	4½
Barclays	390	36	41	51	18	30	39
(*412½)	420	16	29	39	40	47	57
Blue Circ	200	22	29	36	15	26	31
(*204½)	220	11	20	27	26	38	43
Br Gas	260	31	32	37	3½	8	10
(*287)	280	16	19	25	8	17	19
	300	7	12	16	20	29	31
Dixons	220	25	36	39	5	14	20
(*234½)	240	15	24	29	17	24	30
Eurotnl	360	49	60	76	15	25	34
(*396)	390	28	44	60	30	40	48
Forte	180	13	17	22	13	23	26
(*178)	200	6	10	15	27	37	40
Glaxo	700	49	72	92	28	43	53
(*717½)	750	25	49	69	57	69	80
	800	12	31	51	95	104	113
HSBC	550	32	45	59	30	47	58
(*550½)	600	12	25	39	63	79	98
Hillsdwn	140	18	23	26	4	18	22
(*147½)	160	8½	14	18	22	31	34
Lonrho	70	9	13	15	2	9½	13
(*74)	80	5	8½	10½	13	16	19
Reuter	1350	65	92	120	70	92	113
(*1330)	1400	39	70	105	105	123	138
R-Royce	110	17	18	22	6½	10	14
(*116½)	120	9	13	17	12	16	19
Sears	100	8	11	15	5½	9	11
(*102)	110	4	7½	10	11	14	16
Thrn Emi	800	65	90	99	11	20	36
(*834)	850	36	58	70	29	41	61
TSB	160	9	14	18	11	14	17
(*164)	180	2½	6	9	24	26	29
Vaal Reefs	25	7	6	6	2½	3	3½
(*$30)	30	2½	3½	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome	900	67	93	118	26	45	57
(*929)	950	40	66	92	50	69	82

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Fisons	220	7½	25	34	5	19	31
(*222)	240	1½	17	23	20	31	42

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastn Elc	400	30	42	-	5½	13	-
(*416)	430	12	-	-	19	-	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	280	19	28	32	9	13	20
(*289½)	300	9	18	23	20	24	30
Scot Pwr	200	25	30	34	1½	3½	7½
(*222)	220	10	16	21	7	10	16

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Wheat futures traded in complete confusion as sterling collapsed on bad economic news, but the futures failed to react on the upward side as has been seen of late. Robusta coffee futures ended sharply down but off the day's lows, with fund selling continuing the market's technically-driven downward spiral.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Mar	729-728	May	816-814
May	739-738	Jul	829-828
Jul	750-749	Sep	842-840
Sep	762-760	Dec	862 SLR
Dec	780-775		
Mar	801-800	Volume: 9012	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	913-904	Sep	890-888
Mar	895-894	Nov	902-890
May	885-884	Jan	905-895
Jul	879-878	Volume: 12543	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	195.0-93.0
Spot n/a		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	199.0-87.0	Mar	195.0-91.0
May	194.4-94.0	May	197.0-93.0
Aug	195.0-93.0	Volume: 9	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	243.5-43.1
Spot: 255.0		Dec	247.2-46.1
Mar	253.0-52.6	Mar	248.7-47.0
May	254.7-54.3	May	251.6-49.1
Aug	255.5-57.6	Volume: 1180	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.30	85.10	117.99
(+/-)	+1.93	-4.28	-0.62
Eng/Wales:	81.42	85.59	118.33
(+/-)	+1.95	-3.79	-0.10
(%)	-11.9	-43.6	-26.4
Scotland:	72.76	83.39	116.13
(+/-)	+5.59	-6.00	-4.46
(%)	n/a	-3.4	-29.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jan	104.0	104.0	Mar	unq	unq
Feb	unq	unq	Volume: 4		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	137.10
Mar	137.95
May	139.75
Jun	140.45
Sep	109.30
Volume: 206	

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	131.40
Mar	133.85
May	135.10
Sep	107.70
Nov	110.60
Volume: 41	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	156.30
Apr	154.30
Jun	144.00
Aug	145.00
Oct	149.50
Volume: 0	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	61.0	60.9
May	71.5	70.9
Apr	unq	93.0
Volume: 10		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Feb 64.75-64.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A US attack on an Iraqi missile site and bad weather in the North Sea helped to strengthen crude oil prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.90	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.10	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.30	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.80	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.95	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	182 (n/c)	184 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	166 (n/c)	167 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	166 (n/c)	167 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (+1)	70 (n/c)
Naphtha	174 (-1)	176 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	162.00-62.25	May	162.50-62.75
Mar	162.25-62.50	Jun	163.25-63.50
Apr	162.00-62.25	Jul	165.00-65.50
		Vol:	11134

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.29-17.30	Jun	17.70 BID
Apr	17.45-17.47	Jul	n/a
May	17.57-17.60	Vol:	21122

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	184.00-84.25	May	193.00-96.00
Mar	184.50-86.50	Jun	191.00 BID
Apr	193.50-95.00	Vol:	56

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1265	1265	1265
Feb 93	1275	1270	1275
Mar 93	1275	1270	1273
Apr 93	1285	1272	1282

Vol: 89 lots. Open int'st: 3231 Index 1264 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1454.0-1455.0	1474.0-1474.5	665125
Lead (£/tonne)	381.00-381.50	391.00-391.25	42875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1053.0-1053.5	1071.0-1072.0	236850
Tin ($/tonne)	5960.0-5965.0	6020.0-6025.0	8405
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1204.0-1204.5	1226.0-1226.5	789675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5890.0-5895.0	5955.0-5960.0	47454

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Equities make headway

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 18. Dealings end January 29. §Contango day February 1. Settlement day February 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	St Helena	Mining	
2	Kinross	Mining	
3	Bk of Ireland	Banks,Disc	
4	Williams Hldg	Industrial	
5	BAA	Transport	
6	Wolseley	Industrial	
7	Tie Rack	Drapery,Strs	
8	Seton Health	Industrial	
9	Serco Gp	Business Serv	
10	Transfer Tech	Industrial	
11	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
12	MB-Caradon	Industrial	
13	Electron House	Electrical	
14	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
15	Hambros	Banks,Disc	
16	Central Mtr	Motors,Air	
17	Mirror Gp.	Newspapr,Pub	
18	Air London	Business Serv	
19	Simon Eng	Industrial	
20	Body Shop	Drapery,Strs	
21	Durban	Mining	
22	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
23	Br Vita	Industrial	
24	Br Bio-Tech	Chems,Plas	
25	Johnston Press	Newspapr,Pub	
26	Allied Colloids	Chems,Plas	
27	Allied Irish	Banks,Disc	
28	IMI	Industrial	
29	Oxford Inst	Electrical	
30	PWS	Insurance	
31	Leigh	Chems,Plas	
32	Burnfield	Electrical	
33	Sun Alliance	Insurance	
34	Southern Radio	Leisure	
35	Guinness	Breweries	
36	First Nat Fin	Banks,Disc	
37	Bullough	Industrial	
38	Gencor	Mining	
39	Rank Org	Industrial	
40	Eurotherm	Electrical	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
390	245½	Abbey Ntl	360	+ 8½	10.5	3.9	12.4
191	154	Allied Irish	191	+ 6	...	6.2	11.0
197½	106	Aus New Z	130	- 1	...	6.9	...
3443½	1905½	Bankamerica	3343½	-96½	...	...	...
200	141	Bk of Ireland	197	+ 4	...	6.4	23.8
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
130	97	Bank Scotland	128	+ 4	4.1	4.5	20.2
415	274	Barclays	412	+15	21.1	6.8	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	42	+ 1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	18½	...	...	...	...
428	295	Cater Allen	412	...	26.0	8.4	...
95	61	Castles	90	...	3.8	5.6	13.2
1962½	912½	Chase Manh	1947½	+18½	...	...	...
1687½	537½	Citicorp	1687½	+100	...	...	...
285	205	Close Bros	284	...	9.5	4.5	12.6
£103	8687½	Commerzbk	£103	+287½	...	3.8	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£260	...	...	2.3	...
84	13	First Nat Fin	76	+ 5	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	913	+25	...	0.5	93.9
380	230	Gerrard Nat	374	+ 2	21.0	7.5	...
570	236	HSBC	550	+23	...	3.6	22.6
577	313	HSBC HK	532	+22½	...	3.7	21.9
292	202	Hambros	287	+ 7	13.8	6.9	11.8
353	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
109	54	King Shaxson	109	...	5.0	6.1	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	315	...	16.0	6.8	27.6
549	346	Lloyds	499	...	16.7	4.5	16.9
67	40	Lon Scot Bk	87	+ 4	3.0	6.2	-
351	258	Nat Aust Bk	335	- 1	...	6.2	11.3
427	251	Nat West	426	+11	17.5	5.5	58.9
713	418	Provident	713	+ 3	25.0	4.7	16.3
44	25	Rea Bros	44	...	0.5	1.5	...
222	137	Ryl Bk Scot	222	+ 8	8.8	5.3	...
1463	1043	Schroders	1463	...	18.0	1.6	17.0
654	384	Stand Chart	636	+ 6	20.0	4.2	16.4
166	115	TSB	164	- 2	6.4	5.3	-
200	38	Union Disc	90	+ 2	13.5	...	...
605	403	Warburg SG	531	+ 1	18.0	4.4	16.3
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	193	...	...	4.1	...
6437½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6350	-87½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	126	+ 3	...	6.5	-
253	188	Wintrust	190	...	9.3	6.5	7.3

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	596	+ 6	20.0	4.5	13.8
656	472	Bass	595	+13	18.9	4.2	13.0
205	146	Boddington	198	- 2	6.6	4.4	12.5
400	343	Bulmer (HP)	387	- 2	9.0	3.3	16.9
143	111	Burtonwd Brw	140	+ 3	4.4	4.2	10.2
291	194	Devenish (JA)	280	- 2	7.8	3.7	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.8	23.8
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	57½	- 1½	...	2.4	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	358	...	...	2.5	15.0
518	360	Grand Met	468	+15	...	3.7	14.8
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	408	- 2	...	3.8	15.6
530	405	Greene King	516	+ 1	11.6	3.0	13.4
644	463	Guinness	470	+ 5	10.8	3.1	13.5
346	245	Hardy Hanson	270	...	7.9	3.8	-
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	15.7
105	78	-do- 'A' L/V	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	283	...	6.0	3.0	17.5
48	21	Hoskins Brew	33	...	...	...	23.8
335	264	Invergordn Dist	274	- 2	6.5	3.2	15.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	183	...	0.7	0.6	36.9
630	380	Marstn Thmpsn 'A'	420	...	8.8	2.8	13.2
720	515	Mansfield	675	- 1	13.6	2.7	14.5
269	166	Marston Thmp	242	...	4.9	2.7	14.2
477	394	Matthew Clark	430	...	15.7	5.0	12.7
351	195	Morland	294	- 1	...	2.8	21.2
493	320	Morland	485	...	8.4	2.3	19.3
10½	5½	Panmount	6½	+ ½	...	2.1	12.0
1020	665	SA Breweries	825	+32	...	3.3	-
492	380	Scot & New	443	...	16.1	4.8	12.1
200	145	Taunton Cider	187	- 3	...	3.4	17.5
230	148	Vaux Group	222	...	9.3	5.6	15.3
233	165	Wetherspoon JD	230	+ 1	...	2.8	18.6
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	445	- 7	16.8	5.1	12.5
1436	1080	-do- 'B'	1035	...	16.9	2.4	30.8
600	530	Wolvrhmptn D	589	+ 4	11.4	2.7	-
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90	60	Abbey	90	...	...	1.6	30.7
26	9	Albrighton	13	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	95	...	...	10.2	10.8
183	53	Amec	65	...	10.2	...	6.0
27	2½	Anglia Sec	4½	...	...	...	...
182	85	Ashtead	170	...	4.1	3.2	22.8
151	100	Attwoods	132	- 1	5.0	5.1	19.1
203	123	BPB Ind	185	- 1	11.2	...	47.0
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	69	...	3.1	6.0	23.2
27	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	24	...	0.5	3.1	...
118	68	Barratt	82	- 1	1.2	2.0	14.9
104	34	Barratt Devs	102	+ 2	2.0	2.6	11.4
333	193	Bellway	333	...	11.5	4.6	18.4
30	14	Bellwinch	20	...	...	...	...
345	186	Berkeley Gp	321	+ 1	5.0	2.1	21.2
100	45	Bett Bros	46	...	...	...	1.9
89	27	Blockleys	44	...	3.3	...	43.7
284½	121	Blue Circle	205	+ 3	11.2	7.3	20.5
340	140½	Boot (Henry)	338	- 2	...	3.0	13.0
108	62	Breedon PLC	100	...	4.6	6.1	19.4
132	66	Br Dredging	85	- 2	7.4	11.6	11.0
180	42	Brit Fittings	68	...	5.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	103	+ 2	4.8	6.2	20.4
80	38	CALA	63	...	2.3	4.9	...
249	187	CRH	209	...	...	4.5	11.0
48	14	Cakebread Rby	42	+ 2	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	26	...	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	95	- 3	4.1	5.9	-
60	23	Crest Nicholson	40	+ 2	0.0	...	...
58	14	Croudace	30	+ 1	...	...	...
6	½	Deighton	3½	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	1.8	...	7.0
211	132	Epwin	184	...	...	4.8	15.2
54	23	Erith	35	...	2.0	...	...
267	220	Eve Group	256	...	...	5.1	9.2
88	25	Everall Baxton	63	...	5.6	...	24.5
19	3	Expamet	4½	...	...	...	...
138	68	Freeman Gp	97	...	...	...	...
79	40	Galliford	48	...	4.3	11.9	19.3
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	708	- 2	12.7	2.4	10.4
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	93	...	3.1	4.5	10.4
63	28	Hewetson	53	...	2.6	...	32.4
28	15	Hay & Croft	16	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wms	195	...	12.5	8.5	17.0
106	39	Higgs & Hill	54	- 1	9.0	...	8.3
39	23	How Gp	28	...	2.5	...	9.7
30	10	Howard Hldgs	16	...	0.5	4.2	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	63	...	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	15½	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	202	...	9.0	5.9	10.5
35	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	80	Ln Clydeside	80	- 3	4.5	7.5	...
20	4½	Lovell (YJ)	11	...	...	...	5.0
295	180	Manders	265	- 1	7.0	3.5	18.4
148	57	Marley	96	+ 1	4.2	5.8	24.2
97	47	Marshalls	62	...	...	10.8	20.7
155	101	Maunders (J)	120	...	4.9	5.4	11.3
219	76	McAlpine (A)	101	+ 3	10.3	...	7.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	25	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	288	+ 2	16.5	7.6	39.6
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	64	+ 1	10.5	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	116	...	...	9.2	-
327	146	Persimmon	200	+ 2	8.6	5.7	16.5
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.3	8.9
155	66	Prowting	83	...	3.4	5.5	...
499	393	RMC Gp	569	+ 2	20.0	4.7	21.2
137	67	Raine Ind	97	+ 4	6.0	8.2	16.2
565	300	Redland	448	+10	25.0	7.4	27.9
101	61	Rodel	73	...	4.3	7.9	9.8
248	152	Rugby Group	215	- 2	6.4	4.0	16.2
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	74	...	4.0	7.2	...
132	70	Sheffield Insl	132	...	5.4	3.5	34.2
272	188	Smart (J)	222	...	8.5	5.1	10.1
161	51	Tarmac	105	...	5.5	7.0	43.4
236	120	Tay Homes	157	...	5.8	5.0	8.7
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	70	- 1	8.5	...	9.0
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	458	...	38.0	9.6	15.1
228	105	Travis Perkins	172	...	8.0	6.2	24.3
106	45	Vibroplant	62	...	3.6	7.7	11.4
455	265	Watts Blake	408	...	9.3	3.0	21.2
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	380	+ 2	8.7	3.1	19.5
221	96	Wilson (C)	150	- 1	3.9	3.5	23.8
189	45	Wimpey G	116	+ 4	...	6.0	44.6
81	26	YRM	29	- 1	4.0	18.4	3.3
533	343	ADT	483	+ 5	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.9	3.3
127	53	Air London	73	+ 7	...	6.4	9.0
65	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Auto Sec	138	- 2	4.9	4.7	11.2
208	80	BET Ord	98	- 1	...	8.5	14.3
100	41	BMB Res	95	+ 2	4.9	11.9	6.5
313	208	BPP	315	+ 5	6.9	2.9	17.2
285	178	Barbour Index	285	...	7.2	3.4	21.1
209	111	Brit Data Mgt	204	- 1	...	2.6	17.0
101	58	Brooks Service	98	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	104	...	2.4	3.1	11.9
437	262	Capita Group	424	- 9	5.4	1.7	24.4
253	180	Chubb Sec	251	- 3	...	1.5	27.8
123	48	Dart	51	...	3.3	8.6	5.8
216	145	Davis Service	204	...	7.9	5.2	15.5
239	163	Hays	233	+ 4½	4.6	2.6	22.9
576	375	Inchcape	535	- 1	12.5	3.1	22.7
735	561	Johnson Clean	734	...	25.7	4.7	15.3
230	188	Mitie Gp	197	+ 3	2.7	1.9	14.1
492	182	Manpower	904	...	...	...	...
398	68	Provident Alex	94	+ 3	19.5	27.7	2.0
453	355	RCO	410	...	12.8	4.6	-
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
216	134	Rentokil	217	+ 1	1.6	1.0	31.9
354	234	Salvesen (C)	349	- 1	7.0	2.7	19.3
765	555	Serco Gp	760	+ 5	11.9	2.1	24.4
283	132	Sherwd Cmp	255	- 1	...	3.1	6.9
360	270	Warner Howrd	354	...	5.9	2.2	20.0
15½	7½	Wills Gp	15½	+ ½	0.1	0.8	20.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	236	+ 6	3.9	2.2	18.7
682	413	Amersham	682	+ 2	12.5	2.4	25.3
8025	7362½	BASF DM	8575	...	...	...	...
260	201	BTP	231	...	8.8	5.1	16.9
248	126	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.6	10.6
158	115	Brent Chems	146	+ 1	7.3	6.7	69.0
453	418	Br Bio-Tech	449	+ 4	...	...	...
179	112	Canning (W)	132	...	7.2	7.4	10.6
616	371	Courtaulds	546	+ 8	11.0	3.2	14.8
244	162	Croda	243	...	7.5	4.1	18.5
211	152	Ellis & Everard	186	- 2	7.0	5.1	16.8
131	43	Evode	127	+ 1	3.5	3.8	-
276	171	Halstead (J)	276	+ 2	...	2.9	14.7
227	158	Hickson	200	- 1	7.8	5.2	12.7
1410	975	ICI	1123	+26	55.0	6.5	27.1
660	434	Laporte	625	+ 2	18.9	4.0	16.8
328	138	Leigh	216	+ 4	7.8	4.8	17.6
1550	1100	Norsk Hydro	1537½	-12½	...	2.2	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	391	+ 3	11.4	3.9	16.9
395	355	-do- 'A'	371	+ 3	11.4	4.1	16.0
308	231	Plysu	277	...	6.0	2.9	18.7
183	130	Porvair	183	...	...	2.4	19.0
475	328	Wardle Storeys	458	+ 1	16.0	4.7	18.4
425	270	Wlmhlme K	420	...	16.3	5.2	18.5
397	253	Yorks Chem	393	- 1	...	2.5	20.5
273	214	Yule Catto	266	...	5.4	2.7	16.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
392	65	Alexon	66	...	...	6.1	3.6
109	23	Amber Day	47	- 1	3.1	8.8	12.9
306	190	Argos Plc	283	+ 4	6.4	3.0	19.7
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	74	...	0.1	0.2	77.4
298	180	Asprey	295	...	...	2.2	24.0
340	180	Austin Reed	200	...	6.0	...	58.2
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	152	+ 2	5.7	5.0	14.5
144	74	Bentalls	104	+ 1	3.8	4.9	58.7
246	86	Bertrams	246	+ 1	...	0.7	33.9
371	135	Body Shop	148	+ 4	1.6	1.4	17.1
333	260	Brown (N)	330	...	6.0	2.4	20.4
320	126	Castors	183	...	...	2.7	39.4
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
231	151	Coats Viyella	226	...	7.0	4.4	24.5
394	300	Courts Furnish	394	...	5.0	1.7	19.7
252	100	Crown Eyes	140	- 5	...	5.7	6.5
111	65	Dalry Farm Intl	99	+ 1	...	...	17.5
286	179	Dixons Grp	235	+ 2	6.0	3.4	27.8
495	355	Dunhill	376	- 2	7.7	2.7	13.0
780	480	Etys (Wimbldn)	480	-15	16.0	4.4	10.7
258	199	Etam	218	...	6.6	4.0	19.5
519	340	Fine Art Dev	500	...	11.0	2.9	19.2
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
2425	1800	GUS	2400	-13	40.0	2.2	19.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1590	+ 5	40.0	3.4	12.6
283	123	Hartstone	236	+ 5	4.8	2.8	14.4
598	414	Kingfisher	542	+ 2	13.0	3.2	16.3
373	162	Lloyds Chem	282	+13	5.5	2.6	11.3
348	268	Marks Spencer	322	+ 5	7.1	2.9	19.6
474	319	Menzies (John)	454	...	10.0	2.9	16.2
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
222	110	Oddbins Intl	214	...	...	5.6	13.9
275	202	QS Hldgs	275	...	4.7	2.3	21.3
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	445	...	13.4	4.0	14.5
305	102½	Wyevale	151	...	...	3.3	16.8

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	4.5	3.5	16.8
197	128	ACT Group	171	...	...	3.5	18.7
231	185	Acala	223	...	...	...	...
409	299	Admiral	409	+ 1	4.8	1.6	18.5
133	94	Alba	111	+ 2	4.7	5.8	14.4
44	19	Amstrad	24½	- 1	0.4	2.2	...
202	218	Beales Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.5	14.4
361	207	BICC	338	- 6	19.2	7.6	19.7
498	314	Blick	497	...	9.2	2.5	-
4575	1150	Borland	1200	...	...	...	...
290	208	Bowthorpe	281	...	6.0	2.9	19.2
410½	305	BT	377	- 3½	14.4	5.1	13.8
315	212	BT New	271½	- 3½	14.4	5.1	13.7
226	80	Burnfield	120	+ 5	...	6.4	17.3
722	489	Cable Wireless	721	+ 7	13.2	2.5	22.3
309	205	CML Micro	240	...	...	2.4	16.5
506	331	Delta	427	- 8	14.0	4.4	16.9
280	148	Denmans Ele	270	...	...	3.0	...
491	375	Domino	470	...	6.2	1.8	18.5
1015	750	Dracke	923	...	...	1.4	22.5
375	233	Electrocomps	359	...	7.0	2.6	19.4
545	286	El Data Prc	480	- 5	1.4	...	-
98	28	Electron House	58	+ 4	2.3	5.5	17.3
509	292	Eurotherm	509	+ 5	8.0	2.1	-
116	51	FKI	111	...	2.3	2.8	21.5
367	227	Farnell Elect	342	...	5.8	2.3	18.6
298	183	GEC	262	- 1½	9.6	4.8	14.1
227	102	Gracely	136	- 2	10.9	10.7	11.8
453	395	Horkyns Gp	453	+ 1	2.4	0.7	-
195	65	INSTEM	85	- 2	...	6.6	5.4

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	417 †	- 4	17.1	5.5	8.0
439	266	Eastern Elect	417 †	- 4	16.7	5.3	10.3
263	143	Hydro-Elect	239	+ 4	10.1	4.4	10.9
465	288	London Elect	442	- 2	16.8	5.1	8.5
513	324	Manweb	490	- 4	18.2	5.0	7.1
483	287	Midlands Elec	460 †	- 8	17.2	5.0	9.7
490	295	Northern Elec	466 †	- 9	18.5	5.3	6.9
494	298	Norweb	471 †	- 9	17.7	5.0	8.9
247	142	Scottish Power	222 †	- 4	10.1	4.6	10.8
475	297	Seeboard	455	-11	17.2	5.1	8.2
539	313	Sth Wales	508	- 9	19.4	5.1	8.1
474	288	Sth Western	445 †	- 4	17.4	5.3	8.1
457	270	Southern Elec	440	- 6	16.6	5.0	8.7
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	490	- 6	17.7	4.8	9.1
294½	188	National Powr	298 †	+ 5	9.1	4.2	9.6
297	196	PowerGen	294 †	+ 2	9.2	4.2	9.2

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Akroyd Hume	56	...	-0.5	...	35.8
65	37½	BWD	62	...	...	6.5	8.7
124	25	Baltic Plc	32	...	4.3	...	2.8
453	299	Caledonia	429	...	14.4	4.5	16.5
1950	1050	Camellia	1200	...	27.0	3.0	10.1
290	203	Candover	249	- 1	9.5	5.1	20.6
91	48	Fleming	83	...	...	...	8.2
156	103	Guthrie	155	...	8.9	4.5	...
135	97	Ivory Sime	126	...	6.6	13.3	...
165	75	Lighthship	12	...	...	...	0.6
156	110	Lon Forfaiting	155	...	6.6	13.5	...
260	179	Rathbone Bro	253	...	...	2.6	17.9
330	120	S & U	315	...	...	3.5	11.3
55	34	Singer & Fried	55	+ 1	2.5	6.1	12.1
863	575	Sotheby's	825	...	4.6	...	...
93	73	SJP Capital	84	...	3.0	4.8	15.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1656½	1043½	Amer Express	1659½	+12½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	184	...	6.7	4.9	25.1
873	535	Henderson Ad	840	...	41.0	6.5	18.5
223	121	Jardine Strat	183	...	...	3.6	8.9
174	100½	MAI	158	- 1	8.0	5.1	11.5
429	244	MAM	401	...	11.5	3.8	16.0
665	460	M & G	641	...	20.0	4.2	17.1
133	81	Smith New Ct	118	...	4.5	5.1	4.7
70	35	Tdo Hldgs	63	+ 1	...	2.1	45.8

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	485	- 9	14.0	3.8	11.1
67	22½	ASDA Group	66½	+ ½	2.1	...	17.0
178	75	Acatos & Hutch	174	...	6.5	5.1	9.8
83	31	Albert Fisher	69	...	3.7	7.2	11.5
432	279	Argyll	385	- 3	9.7	3.4	15.2
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	137	...	7.0	6.8	25.3
190	143	Banks (S C)	184	...	8.2	6.1	9.1
341	200	Barr (AG)	334	+ 1	6.5	2.6	-
490	312	Booker	422	+ 9	21.7	6.9	12.9
474	334	Brake Bros	450	- 1	5.7	1.7	18.8
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	473	- 4	12.5	3.5	17.4
435	275	Dalepak	310	...	8.0	2.6	13.9
487	352	Dalgety	482	...	19.5	5.4	16.0
440	249	Geest	374	...	7.9	2.8	14.2
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	163	+ 7	6.1	5.0	9.9
200	68	Hillsdown	148	+ 2	6.8	7.9	8.9
61	27	Hunter Saphir	42	+ 6	2.5	...	...
672	412	Iceland Frozen	641	+ 5	8.5	1.8	17.1
827	514	Kwik Save	806	+12	16.0	2.6	16.9
286½	169	Low (Wm)	255	+ 1	8.4	4.4	12.3
515	318	Nichols (JN)	473	...	12.3	3.5	13.5
582	337	Sainsbury J	558	- 3	8.7	2.1	20.8
443	285	Tate & Lyle	399	- 3	12.0	4.0	14.7
206	194½	Tesco	263	- 4	6.3	3.2	12.5
368	192	Unigate	333	+ 3	15.3	6.1	11.9
440	222	Utd Biscuits	355	+ 2	15.3	5.7	12.4
357	205	Watson & Phil	286	- 1	13.3	6.2	-

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Pl	16	...	...	...	...
80	51	City Centre Rest	80	+ 1	1.4	2.4	22.4
262	112	Forte	178	- 5	9.5	7.4	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	170	...	5.5	4.3	13.6
267	126	Ladbroke	195	+ 2	11.1	7.6	16.1
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	63	- 1	...	5.0	18.1
92	26	Queens Moat	54	+ 1	2.8	7.1	7.2
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
44	23	Stakis	38	+ 1	0.9	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.4	9.8
616	460	AAH	582	+ 3	16.3	3.7	18.5
303	132	AIM	164	- 1	6.5	5.3	10.1
136	76	APV	128	+ 4	5.4	5.6	23.1
458	358	Alumasc	458	...	11.0	3.2	14.0
484	253	Alrsprung	464	...	7.5	2.2	12.9
706	503	Antofagasta	708	+ 3	...	2.7	17.3
417	392	BM Gp	39	- 1	5.0	11.3	2.5
774	583	BOC	743	+ 1	23.2	4.2	16.3
561	381	BTR	539	+ 4	16.5	4.1	18.9
630	444	Bunzl	630	- 2	9.0	1.9	19.6
181	101	Bibby (J)	124	...	9.7	11.1	6.9

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1025	Alex & Alex	1675	+31½	...	3.8	...
3812½	2250	Am Gen	3750	+37½	...	3.5	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	35	...	4.4	16.8	17.0
168	83	Bradstock	144	- 1	5.1	4.8	-
1110	762	Britannic	1098	+ 2	29.5	3.6	...
641	402	Com Union	616	...	23.6	5.1	...
1325	900	Dom & Gen	1325	...	...	1.8	21.9
605	350	Gen Accident	579	+14	26.7	6.2	...
188	108	GRE	170	+ 6	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	340	...	16.0	6.3	20.0
444	287	Legal & Gen	433	...	18.8	5.8	...
872	557	Liberty Life	872	-14	...	5.1	31.2
447	295	Lloyds Abbey	437	+ 9	17.3	5.3	14.6
309	199	Prudential	300	+ 7	11.0	4.9	26.0
835	564	Refuge	835	+ 5	29.0	4.6	37.4
394	116	Royal	281	+ 5	11.2	...	...
358	214	Sun Alliance	333	+ 7	14.2	5.7	...
325	305	Utd Friendly	325	+ 6	12.3	3.1	26.7
224	144	Willis Corroon	189	+ 5	13.2	9.3	21.2
21	14	Windsor	18	...	...	...	...

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1578	1218	Alliance	1573	+15	43.0	3.6	36.3
234	152	Amer Trust	229	- 1	4.8	2.8	48.5
316	229	Ang & O'seas	308	- 1	6.4	2.8	46.1
129	98½	BZW Conv	129	- 1	7.8	8.1	15.1
268	210	Baring Tribne	264	...	6.3	3.1	42.5
172	116	Berry Starq	135	...	2.0	2.0	45.6
1540	1200	Cty & Comm	1495	+ 5	...	...	...
602	473	Dunedin Inc G	580	+ 2	25.4	5.8	23.5
203	162	Fleming Amer	256	+ 3	1.2	0.7	...
4950	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4143½	+18½	...	...	...
394	296	Monks Inv Tst	389½	+ 3½	6.7	2.3	52.0
109	81	Morg Gren Inc	106	- 1	3.4	4.3	28.0
24	13	Do Warrants	23	...	...	...	...

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
337	172	Airtours	292	...	7.2	3.3	10.3
90	18	Ald Leis	55	- 1	4.7	11.5	12.0
263	145	Anglia TV	202	...	...	5.2	18.2
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	194	...	10.0	6.9	9.7
1090	795	Boosey Hwks	1040	+20	20.0	2.6	16.7
448	200	Carlton Comm	806	- 4	...	2.8	23.3
1750	1050	Central TV	1750	+ 2	30.5	2.3	22.5
585	405	Compass Gp	554	- 1	12.3	3.0	15.5
350	273	Eurocamp	318	+ 1	9.7	4.2	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	780	+ 7	...	1.6	...
308	220	LWT CP	307	...	5.9	2.6	14.9
377	260	Man Utd	371	...	18.0	6.5	12.8
447	202½	Scot TV	447	...	...	2.4	25.8
383	136	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	...
200	134	Thames TV	179	...	7.5	5.6	5.1
136	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.8	10.0

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	1900	+50	...	11.8	8.5
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1075	-56½	...	9.5	4.6
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1250	...	...	6.1	7.8
631	437	CRA	550	- 3	...	3.2	-
1662½	581½	De Beers	918½	+40½	...	...	7.5
759	388	Driefontein	415	+20	...	8.9	6.8
375	120	Durban	132	+ 4	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	745	-20	...	6.0	10.5
222	121	Gencor	133	+ 7	...	7.4	10.3
795	292	Kinross	345	+ 6	...	16.6	3.3
1301	598	Orange Free	650	+40	...	22.1	5.0
688	469	RTZ	657	+12	19.5	4.0	19.8
410	183	St Helena	205	+ 7	...	13.1	-
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	1975	+112½	...	13.0	-
2375	587½	Western Deep	625	+37½	...	11.5	-
45	18	Zandpan	18	...	...	...	5.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	0.1	18.1
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
123	56	Appleyard	85	...	7.8	12.2	62.8
230	130	Bletchley Mtr	210	...	8.2	7.3	11.8
145	115	Bostrom	128	...	6.0	6.3	34.8
379	100	Br Aerospace	210	+ 8	25.0	...	4.5
328	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
3056½	1500	Ford Motor	3037½	-18½	...	...	...
2556½	1681½	General Mtr	2362½	+ 6½	...	2.1	...
735	465	Honda Motor	662	...	...	0.8	...
294	175	Lex Service	287	+ 5	10.0	4.6	...
176	88	Rolls-Royce	116½	- 3	7.2	8.3	22.0
151	93	Westland	127	...	4.2	4.5	11.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
106	73	Adscene	106	...	4.0	5.0	15.9
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blenheim Gp	542	...	9.0	2.2	20.3
8300	5900	Daily Mail	7850	...	130	2.2	17.7
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7850	...	130	2.2	17.7
420	285	Independent	420	...	...	4.8	14.3
441	289	Johnston Press	441	+ 8	5.5	1.7	20.8
125	49	Mirror Gp.	109	+ 4	...	...	10.4
1571	909½	News Corp	1252	+17	...	0.4	...
580	340	Portsmth Sund	575	+ 1	8.6	2.0	14.8
655	447	Reed Int	625	+ 3	16.0	3.4	20.7
815	565	Thomson Corp	715	...	25.2	4.7	12.1
537	325	Utd Newspprs	500	...	21.0	5.6	17.1

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Petr	11	...	...	...	11.2
205	223	British Gas	267	+ 1	...	6.2	13.2
304	182	Br Petroleum	251	+ ½	...	6.1	46.2
741	460	Burmah Castrl	683	...	24.0	4.7	15.6
246	164	Calor Gp	229	...	12.0	7.0	15.1
462	297	Enterprise	411	+ 7	15.7	5.1	29.3
430	308	Ranger	313	...	...	1.5	...
5637½	4162½	Royal Dtch Pl	5150	...	...	5.7	14.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
250	103	API	250	...	7.5	3.9	25.6
175	123½	Arjo Wiggins	151	+ 5	4.3	...	13.2
438	365	Abbott Mead	427	- 1	3.4	2.0	21.4
314	180	Bemrose	314	...	11.7	5.0	16.0
206	135	Cropper (James)	174	...	3.0	2.3	19.8
561	391	Wassall	561	...	...	2.5	24.4
75	51	Wood (SW)	56	...	0.2	...	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2450	1887½	BCE	2175	-25	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	416	...	18.0	5.7	15.1
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	285	...	8.6	4.0	31.8
484	343	Land Sec	449	+ 3	21.7	6.5	11.6
1075	580	Mountview	805	-45	18.0	3.0	8.2
248	83	Slough Estates	154	...	8.1	7.1	8.7
91	23	Wates	37	...	3.7	13.4	9.4
44	17	Wood John D	41	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	96	...	2.4	3.3	38.0
428	365	Lambert	390	...	12.5	4.3	10.2
111	63	Pitard Garnar	87	+ 2	1.5	2.3	11.5
41	18	Strong & Fisher	23	...	1.0	5.8	6.4
193	88	Stylo	112	- 1	2.5	3.0	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	362	Allied Text	435	...	12.3	3.8	15.5
73	47	Beckman (A)	68	...	4.2	9.4	11.5
162	138	Br Mohair	143	...	6.5	7.9	11.3
570	364	Courtauld Text	559	+ 5	11.0	3.1	16.5
241	160	Dawson	225	- 2	9.0	5.3	21.9
162	99	Hicking Pntcst	159	+ 1	3.4	2.9	13.5
380	215	Lamont	292	...	...	5.7	13.8
540	308	Leeds	540	...	11.0	2.7	17.4
312	198	Tomkinsons	286	- 7	11.5	5.4	24.7
297	160	Yorklyde	297	+12	9.7	4.4	13.8

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	808	BAT	968	- 2	33.6	4.6	25.6
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	597	...	10.2	2.3	13.6

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	360	...	8.0	3.0	77.1
816	531	BAA	788	+ 5	14.5	2.5	13.9
315	219	Br Airways	265	- 5	10.1	5.1	7.1
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	396	+11	...	...	...
357	170	Ocean Group	283	+15	14.3	6.8	12.8
555	206½	P & O Dfd	532	- 1	30.5	7.6	18.6
480	267	Powell Duffryn	463	+ 3	22.6	6.5	16.5
688	495½	Tibbet & Britten	683	+28	...	2.1	27.3
478	214	Tiphook	330	...	17.3	7.0	6.6
307	208	TDG	277	...	9.5	4.6	16.0

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	462	- 7	19.3	5.6	8.4
591	330	Northumbrian	565	- 8	20.5	4.8	5.8
513	323	North West	453	- 4	19.6	5.8	8.0
479	298	Severn Trent	445	...	19.3	5.8	6.5
485	301	Sthrn Water	459	+ 1	19.5	5.7	8.1
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1240	...	40.2	4.3	8.0
524	306	South West	477	- 3	21.7	6.1	7.2
519	324	Thames Water	472	- 7	19.2	5.4	6.9
546	337	Welsh Water	515	- 8	21.4	5.5	5.9
608	366	Wessex Water	576	- 6	19.5	4.5	7.9
547	336	Yorkshire W	511	- 1	19.5	5.1	8.3

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INFOTECH

Pile it high, sell it cheap

In the week that IBM announced record losses, computer buyers can still find PC bargains in Britain. Matthew May explains why

Predictions that the price of high technology and other electronic goods would have to rise by up to 20 per cent after the devaluation of sterling have proved premature.

In personal computers, for example, high stock levels coupled with ferocious competition have combined to keep prices static, despite the market relying heavily on both imported components and machines. So while the British flock to Calais to stock up on low-duty beer and wine, some canny continental customers have been coming to Britain in search of a computer bargain.

"The devaluation of the pound has just made British prices cheaper when compared to the rest of the world," says Charles Smulders, an analyst with the research firm, Dataquest.

> PC companies deny they have any imminent plans to raise prices

While prices in America are still lower than Britain, the gap has been narrowing fast. More importantly, British purchasers, fearing imminent price rises, created a PC mini-boom at the end of last year, with the research group, Wharton Information Systems, reporting a jump of 32 per cent in the value of sales for November.

"It was a good time to buy before Christmas, with lots of special offers around that included such things as free software that was worth having," Mr Smulders says, "but it is extremely difficult to make any money out of selling them at the moment."

With pre-devaluation stocks dwindling, there are further warnings that prices must go up soon, as new products have to be bought in from abroad at higher prices.

The computing industry is particularly vulnerable to currency fluctuations. The majority of equipment sold in Britain comes from the United States, South East Asia or Japan, either as complete units or, when assembled here, with a high count of foreign components.

Yet prices this month are still much the same and PC companies deny that they have any imminent plans to raise prices, despite having profit margins that even before devaluation were described as cut to the bone. "There is so much competitive pressure to keep prices down that no one will be able to put prices up just because they want a better profit margin," says Jan Murray, the chairman of Vision Technology, which owns the four PC World supermarkets and several mail order companies.

"Prices for some memory chips and memory boards did rise quickly as they are often sold via fairly small companies that need to reflect any currency changes very quickly.

"Big manufacturers wanted to wait until the end of last year to exhaust stocks, but even now they will try to hold prices steady. The only difference may be that any price reductions in other countries may not be reflected in Britain. Where prices do increase, we shall have to see if they stick.

"IBM put the price of the Ambra up around 15 per cent at the beginning of this month, but it followed a hefty cut last year which made them sell, though it was clear no money was being made."

These problems are seen as as one reason why the global price-cutting of recent years may be over, as companies move to improve profit margins or get out of the market.



World beater: Jan Murray, the company chairman, at the PC World computer supermarket in Croydon

IBM, the world's largest computer company, announced this week that it had made the world's largest corporate loss: nearly $5 billion (about £3.3 billion) in 1992. Demand for mainframe computers dropped again and while IBM has recently had some success in selling cheaper versions of its personal computers, the company has yet to work out how to make any money from it.

What computing has going for it, however, is that it is based on chips that are continuously improving in performance yet cost less to make. As a result, there are parts of the industry doing very nicely, thank you.

Microsoft, which dominates the software business in the same way IBM once controlled the hardware side, has reported profits up 35 per cent for the last three months of 1992 compared to the same period in 1991. It is due largely to the way its Windows operating system — which has been selling more than one million copies per month — has become dominant.

Similarly, Intel, the company behind the chips used in most PCs, made more than £650 million last year on a £3.8 billion turnover — a 30 per cent rise on 1991 profits.

> 'There may not be any more price cuts, but customers will still get more'

Like Microsoft, its success has come from dominance though recently it has started to attract competitors that are producing cheaper clones of its chips. It is a development Intel has tried to stop with legal action, though largely unsuccesfully. The woes of many personal computer manufacturers, after all, were said to have started when cheap clones became available.

One way out of the internecine competition for the PC manufacturers could be brand differentation — something that has become almost irrelevant during the price wars. Add extra features and the importance of being one of the cheapest on offer is at least reduced.

Dell Computer, for example, has included programs in a new range of computers that it says will diagnose what is wrong if they break down and tell users which bit needs replacing. Because these programs are stored on a special flash memory chip, they should keep working even if the rest of the machine does not.

Similarly, in America, Packard Bell's latest personal computers include special accelerators to improve the speed with which video and graphics packages like Windows are handled.

"Though there may not be any more 20 or 25 per cent price cuts like last year, customers will continue to get more for the same price," says Mr Murray.

While even more powerful PCs may be on the way at the same price as today, there is a word of caution for businesss buyers. The true cost of owning a PC for some organisations can be nearly £6,000 a year, according to a survey from KPMG Management Consulting. It says that over 90 per cent of the annual cost of running a PC now comes from hidden support costs.

Hold the line for debugging

'Camillagate' might never have happened on a new phone system

The Prince of Wales may soon be able to sleep easy at night, safe in the knowledge that calls made on his mobile phone are so secure that *no one* could listen-in uninvited.

Mercury Personal Communications (MPC) plans to start a mobile phone network this summer using digital transmissions to carry calls, largely because it should provide clearer reception than the current analogue systems on offer from Cellnet and Vodafone.

But this type of transmission also has a little something extra: it is almost impossible to listen in on digital calls, unlike the mobile networks which allegedly were intercepted to give rise to the "Camillagate" and "Squidgy" tapes.

"Not only will the new system transmit signals in a digital format unrecognisable as a voice conversation to anybody tuning in, the transmissions themselves are encoded in a form making them virtually impossible for eavesdroppers to decipher," a spokesman for MPC says.

Realising an opportunity, the company, half owned by Cable & Wireless and half by US West, has conducted a survey on the topic. One in five of the 300 telecommunications managers who responded say that their companies have already instructed employees not to use mobile phones for confidential calls. Eighty per cent of the remainder say they are now considering similar action.

Other surveys have already found many employees reluctant to use existing mobile phones for what they consider particularly important calls. Fearing sudden cut-offs or unhelpful crackle on the line, they prefer to wait until an ordinary phone is available.

Digital transmission should help by providing clearer reception, though if it does fail, it tends to do so completely — you either get a good quality call or nothing at all.

The other main difference with existing mobile telephone services is that subscribers can be given a smart card, which stores their details and personal phone number. Putting the card into another mobile phone means that any calls made are charged to the owner of the card, rather than the owner of the phone, as at present.

Similarly, the phone will respond to calls made to the personal number on the inserted smart card. This development would allow mobiles to be included in rented cars more often or loaned to hotel guests.

A most important question remains: how much will it cost? MPC will not say but the hint is half the price of existing services' standard charges, although the phones themselves will be no cheaper, typically at £300.

What is not so good for MPC, but could well benefit all mobile customers, is that both the present operators, Cellnet and Vodafone, are making sufficiently high profits that they could slash their charges. They are also looking at digital transmission, though at the moment there is only a limited and expensive digital service from Vodafone.

Ideally, MPC needs to attract only new people to mobile phones if it is not to get into a damaging price war. If the service is as good, inexpensive and secure as promised, there could be mass defections from existing networks.

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Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest has been harnessed by a British company to evolve better computer software for finance houses and insurance companies.

Business software may seem an unlikely arena for the epic struggle for survival that is evolution, but the methods of evolution can result in higher performance, especially of software designed to predict whether loan applicants are good risks or not, according to Colin Baker and David Barrow, founders of KiQ, a company set up to develop "genetic algorithms" for use in business.

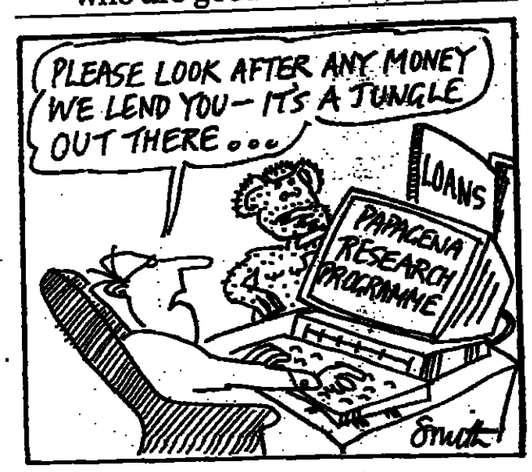
Genetic algorithms have been used for some years in engineering design, where they have been very successful in evolving better designs for parts such as turbine blades where the process is so complex and so little understood that ordinary design has been something of a black art.

So far, genetic algorithms have not been used in business at all, but that may be about to change with a large, European Community-funded research programme called Papagena, which includes KiQ, University College, London, Cap Gemini in The Netherlands, three German software companies and Telmat International and the University of Grenoble in France.

The Papagena project aims to bring genetic algorithms into wider use by applying the methods to suitable problem areas, such as assessing risks for insurance companies, identifying emerging markets and setting the right price in fluctuating economic conditions.

Assessing the credit-worthiness of applicants for loans is an area of special interest. Finance companies try to weed out potential bad payers by taking all the information on the application form, including salary, age, postcode and so on, and assign a value to each answer. They then use a complex formula to calculate a score. The value of the score will show the agent whether to accept,refuse or modify the terms and conditions of the loan.

The formulae used are closely guarded secrets, because a formula that is even a few percent more accurate than



others can prevent the loss of millions of pounds of bad debt.

The KiQ system, which can run on a simple personal computer, starts off with a mass of data taken from previous loans. The first step is to trawl through the data — one such databank consisted of records of 40,000 loans, each entry containing 100 pieces of information about the borrower — looking for mathematical relationships between individual factors, such as where borrowers live, and whether they were good payers.

> Computer evolution allows the solution to emerge from the data, without human designers interfering in the process

The software automatically generates about 30 formulae that can predict reasonably well if a loan will be good or bad. Every formula is then tried out on the data, and each is assessed against the others. The worst are rejected, and the best features of the remainder are combined to form a new generation of algorithms.

This new generation is then also tried out, and the unfit rejected as before. About 200 generations of algorithms can be run through a high speed personal computer in the course of a few hours. At the end of the process, the final generation of algorithms should be much better adapted to the task of generating credit ratings than their ancestors.

Individual algorithms may be better at specialist tasks, such as generating a score simply on the applicant's information, so that the finance house does not need to employ a credit agency to check them out.

Other algorithms may need the lender to ask the applicant five questions instead of 15, a clear saving in time for telephone salesmen that would compensate for the slight reduction in accuracy. A variety of algorithms suitable for various purposes can be generated by steering the evolutionary process in certain directions.

One of the great advantages of computer evolution is that it allows the best solution to emerge from the data, without human designers interfering in the process by imposing rules based on their own prejudices, misconceptions and sheer guesswork, Mr Baker says.

KiQ's product is based on work originally done by the research group at the TSB, where Mr Baker and Mr Barrow met. When the TSB abandoned genetic algorithm research, the pair retained the intellectual property rights and continued on their own, and, "we are now doing quite well," according to Mr Baker.

One leading finance house is already using genetic algorithms to score applications for credit, he says, but because of the competitive edge claimed it is unwilling to be identified.

The Papagena project will boost the use of genetic algorithms considerably, Mr Baker says, and will widen their use into other business areas such as assessing loan applications by companies rather than individuals, and insurance proposals.

Genetic algorithms may also be useful in identifying new market opportunities from a mass of sales data, using the ability of the software to extract small trends from vast quantities of data.

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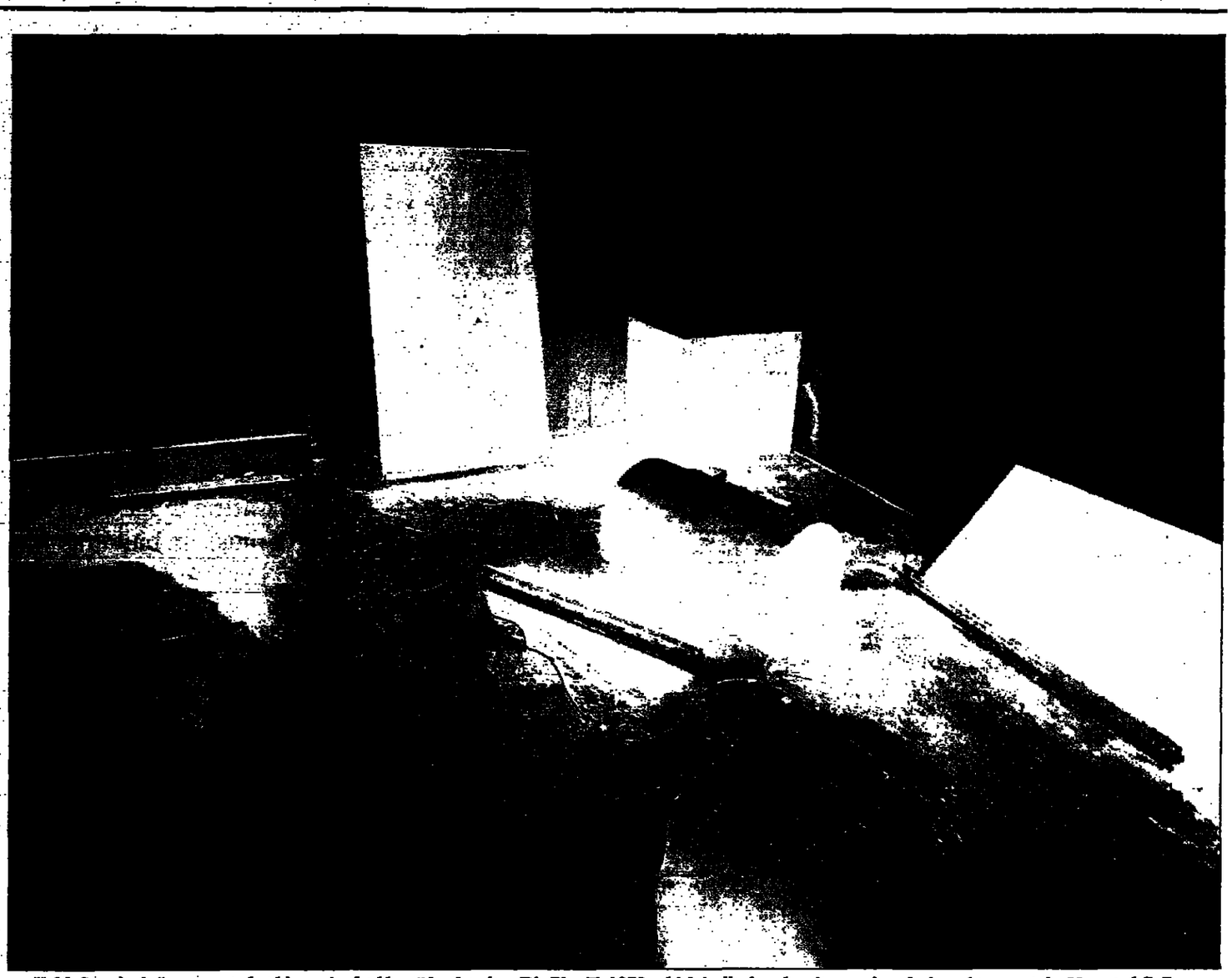
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This is how sculpture was set free

Richard Cork on an exhibition showing how, since the Sixties, sculpture has outgunned painting in vigour and elan



Keith Sonnier is "represented at his unabashed best" by the piece Dis-Play II, 1970, which is displayed on its own in a darkened space at the Hayward Gallery

Over the last quarter of a century, western sculpture has jettisoned the fingering vestiges of its old subservience to painting and moved centre-stage. British sculptors in particular have enjoyed an uninterrupted vitality, and the freedom of manoeuvre they relish today compares hearteningly with the limited state of sculpture in the Victorian period.

Painting's automatic and once-unquestioned dominance has been toppled, perhaps for ever. And any attempt to pinpoint the moment when sculpture decisively emerged from the shadows must concentrate, very hard, on the extraordinary ferment of activity in the late Sixties.

This is the springboard for Jon Thompson's **Gravity and Grace**, a lucidly installed exploration at the Hayward Gallery of how post-war sculpture's potential was transformed. Suddenly, in America and Europe alike, a new generation of artists decided that carving, modelling and constructing need not be the only forms of sculptural expression. Stimulated no doubt by the restless and defiant spirit which challenged so many shibboleths of the period, they claimed the right to open sculpture up to an unprecedented range of new strategies.

> 'Painting's automatic, unquestioned dominance was toppled'

In strictly art-historical terms, minimalism was replaced by post-minimalism. But that is a dry way of defining the freewheeling initiatives brought together at the Hayward, where the mood switches from subversive humour to lyricism and guilt-haunted brooding within a single room.

Danger, of the most literal kind, gives the show its starting-point. For the first space is dominated by Richard Serra's *Five plates, two poles*, a rusted steel colossus which threatens to keel over and crush anyone rash enough to touch it. Closer inspection discloses that the heavy, leaning plates are all securely lodged in the poles traversing the floor.

But the sculpture still looks menacing, and transmits far more energy than the disappointingly inert blocks which Serra installed at the Tate a few months ago. His aptly named *House of Cards*, nearby, is genuinely dangerous: its four massive lead plates could be dislodged by a strong, intrepid visitor. That is why the sculpture has been cordoned off, by gallery authorities who would never want *House of Cards* to topple.

No such precautions surround Giovanni Anselmo's hefty, rough-hewn block of stone, suspended high up on the wall in the same room. But Anselmo, unlike the dour Serra, leavens his work with wit. He teases rather than threatens, and in another untitled exhibit he deploys a refinement worthy of Gabo. With the utmost delicacy, an upright expanse of clear Perspex is held in a tense curve by a single, pencil-thin strip of iron.

Italian artists such as Anselmo renewed sculpture with an elegance and theatrical flair quite distinct from the more anguished preoccupations of the Germans. There is humour in Joseph Beuys's *Earth Telephone*, commandingly positioned at the end of a long ramp leading up to the next space. But memories of Dali's *Mountain Lake*, which also relies on the motif of a disconnected phone stranded in limbo, are soon countered by Beuys's plain-spoken reliance on a crude wooden base — and above all on the crude clod of earth, mixed with straw, dumped so uncompromisingly beside the useless instrument.

All Beuys's work was fired by a fundamental urge to atone for the obscenity of Fascism and, by extension, human cruelty as a whole. The felt wrapping his cello sculpture, bearing a warm red linen cross like a bandage on a wound, carries a far more emotional and healing charge than Robert Morris's use of the same material nearby. The American, unburdened by Beuys's need to redeem tragedy, slices the dark grey felt into 244 pieces and deposits them in a heap on the floor. The result fails to hold attention for long, and Morris's group of nine fibreglass containers seem just as superficial.

His work has not worn well, whereas Mario Merz retains the ability to surprise. His outsize *Hamper*, which surely owes something to Oldenburg, looks like a prop from a dramatisation of *Alice in Wonderland*.

But Merz's sober reliance on willow wicker, or the bound clusters of brushwood he stacks together in *Ingot*, appear sober beside the uninhibited Jannis Kounellis. He gives the show its most flamboyant and bizarre ensemble: a three-part installation where real cacti embedded in eight earth-filled troughs are juxtaposed with a cornucopia of cotton gushing from a Serra-like steel structure.

Presiding over this motley array, where metallic sobriety is countered by softer, organic materials at every turn, a live macaw sits on a perch. Unlike Monty Python's dead parrot, this exotically plumed bird will require constant vigilance from the exhibition's guards.

Greek-born but based in Rome for many years, Kounellis pushed the boundaries of sculpture to an extreme of outrageous showmanship. But he was perfectly serious in his belief that living creatures and natural growth had as much right to exist in his work as the cold, hard, industrial materials favoured by diehard Minimalists like Don Judd.

Apart from Serra, the Americans included in this exhibition all try to go beyond pared-down simplification. Eva Hesse, the only woman selected, discovers surprising richness in whirlpool-like rings of grey-painted cord. But she looks restrained in comparison with the exclamatory Keith Sonnier. His *Dis-Play II*, installed in a darkened space of its own, explodes with fluorescent powder which covers glass and foam-rubber forms as well as spilling across the floor. A strobe light flickers over the entire work, accentuating the biliousness of its strident colours.

If Sonnier is represented at his unabashed best, Bruce Nauman looks oddly subdued. His cruciform sculpture in cast fibreglass, leaning against a wall like discarded oars, seems drained of vitality. As for Nauman's immense *Double steel cage piece*, its ominous, prison-like bulk appears to be waiting for Damien Hirst to fill the inner void with an unnerving tableau.

Few of the Americans, in fact, look as arresting as their European counterparts. Because Robert Smithson's true forte lay in making involvement with the land to a gallery context. Framed photographs chart the directness and sensitivity of his early work, walking a straight line in Peru or laying a cross of pebbles under the Little Pigeon River in the Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee.

Then, out on the sculpture court, the great concentric circles of his 1972 stone piece are laid out. Like an implicit antidote to the arid world of stained concrete surfaces surrounding it, *Three circles of stones* offers a limpid and ceremonious reminder of an alternative to bleak urban reality on the South Bank.

Long revolutionised sculpture's relationship with nature, by moving out to even the wildest landscapes and claiming them as legitimate territory for the artist to work in. His presence in this continually provocative survey is a measure of how much freedom of manoeuvre was won by sculptors at that time, leaving their successors with an abundance of untapped possibilities for future exploration.

● *Gravity & Grace: The Changing Condition of Sculpture 1965-1975 at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3144) until March 14*

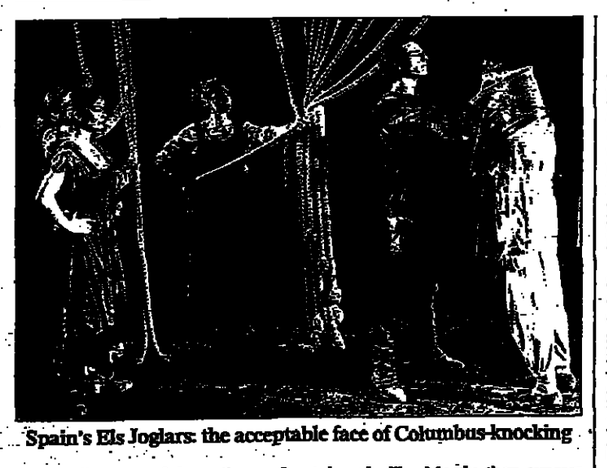
● **BRIEF ENCOUNTERS — ROBERT CAMPIN:** The idea of the National Gallery's series of exhibitions under the title "Brief Encounters" is that two related paintings should be juxtaposed, to their mutual illumination, with various background material to compare and contrast. This fourth show puts the NG's own *Virgin and Child in Interior* by the early 15th-century Netherlandish master Robert Campin with the same painter's diptych *The Trinity* and *The Virgin and Child in Front of a Fire*, lent by the Hermitage, St Petersburg. Both paintings of the Virgin are placed in backgrounds of some intimacy and domesticated charm; both works were probably painted for private devotion. **National Gallery**, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, until March 28.

● **PURE PLASTIC RHYTHM:** Leon Underwood (1890-1975) is one of the legion of the relatively lost in 20th-century British art. He probably travelled too much and spread his talents over too many media to be easily pigeonholed. This show, which is in London before touring to Worthing Art Gallery and the National Museum of Wales, steers clear in the main of his more committedly modernist work, and concentrates instead on his early portrait drawings, his expressive nude drawings from life, and some of his smaller sculptures. **Austin/Desmond and Phipps**, Pied Bull Yard, 68-69 Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-242 4443). Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10.30am-2.30pm, until February 7.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

THEATRE REVIEWS: Knockabout satire from Spain, a revitalised Molière comedy on tour and a muddled collaborative effort in a south London pub

A very political asylum



Spain's Els Joglars: the acceptable face of Columbus-knocking

From its beginnings in 1962 the Catalan company Els Joglars has cultivated a reputation for radicalism and creative bloodymindedness. Only 15 years ago its director, Albert Boadella, spent a period in prison and another in exile. Little wonder, then, that its contribution to Columbus's 500th birthday celebrations should come without cakes, candles or multi-coloured streamers. And even less wonder that **Yo Tengo Un Tio En America** (now at the Riverside Studios) should end up being refused the showing at Expo '92 the authorities had eccentrically planned for it.

The setting is an asylum whose inmates are doing a bit of drama therapy. Somewhat provocatively, they imagine themselves transformed into Indians and their doctors into conquistadores, complete with giant syringes where swords would normally hang. And the unending battle of the strong against the weak continues in 1992: the last image is of murderous soldiers shooting at fleeing tribesman and a man with a chainsaw felling invisible trees.

Obvious, crude stuff, verging on agitprop; or so you might suppose. Yet that is not the effect. Nor did it matter that Boadella's script, which is in Spanish, failed to penetrate my insular English haze. The company's bodies proved inventive and eloquent enough to overcome both linguistic ignorance and political resistance. As far as I was concerned, this was the acceptable face of Columbus-knocking.

The inmates are an odd, supposedly representative mix of the sick and backward: a mad-eyed pyromaniac in a rough beige coat; an overage infant who bumbles comically about in a nappy; a nymphomaniac, an autistic boy, a goofy schizophrenic in a grey flying helmet and trousers up to his armpits. Suddenly the ropes in the asylum's gym proliferate to become a jungle through which they stumble or from whose trees they hang like cocoons. They jabber and chatter and seem contented with their lot.

Enter the doctors, their white coats replaced by doublet and hose. But at first they do nothing especially violent or objectionable. One hands out a gift from Europe, a tube of pills. Mostly they express themselves through dance: stamping, clattering and swirling about the stage. The flamenco turns out to be their main activity and Boadella's prime metaphor. Those severe faces and disciplined feet signify Spanish culture, authority and power; or so it seems.

That is good news for the audience, since the cast dances extremely well. Moreover, there is plenty of other striking imagery to admire. Exotic dummies and posh puppets come visiting. The patients salaam, mount a mini-revolt, get injected en masse and, to the flash of white lights, given electric shock-treatment. It all ends to the strains of Bernstein's ironic ditty, "I Want To Be in America". Agree or disagree with their anti-establishment ire: Els Joglars' imaginative chutzpah is unmissable.

Benedict Nightingale

Ancient invalid gets a new lease of life

Enthroned in his high-backed chair, clutching a purple robe for warmth, with the pelts of a couple of dead leopards on hand to ward off sudden draughts, Gerard Murphy as Argan, **The Hypochondriac**, at the Arts Theatre Cambridge, looks like a demented king. Is he really ill? Molière does not tell us why the poor fellow thinks he is but Murphy has hunted behind the text and hints, without words, at a cause.

Wife trouble — more precisely, second wife trouble — and the hint comes after Argan's brother introduces a pretty singer into the sickroom. She sings of youth and love and beauty, and the peevish wrinkles on Murphy's face fade into an expression of rapt nostalgia. He walks away from his chair without a stick and when this is brought to his notice the absent-minded vigour drains away, absurd gloom crushes him once more and he goes hobbling off.

This is as close as he can reasonably get to motive, and though it would hardly be enough to account for self-pity in a modern play it is sufficient for Molière's gallery of harassed characters, most of whom let their emotions carry them to the verge of farce. Murphy himself translates the play, into a vigorous modern idiom rich in insults and he has insisted on keeping two of the musical inserts. The *commedia dell'arte* prologue is nothing special but that central love song is a vital element in the story so that it is astonishing to learn how often it is left out.

In his last production before leaving Cambridge Theatre Company, Nick Philippou gives Molière's attack on the medical profession a confident and gorgeous staging. The cast do not whirl about the place all the time, and in a couple of scenes two characters sit knee to knee on adjacent chairs, not even arguing. But the impression of the show as a whole is one of exuberance. James Dreyfus's Cléante, the young lover, belies his rather dainty gravity with snarls of exasperation, and at the end of his pretended music lesson with Debra Gillett's Angélique they are waving their arms and carolling "I love you! I love you!" while the deluded Argan nods benignly.

Kathy Burke also waves her arms around as Toinette, and the relationship she builds with Murphy is marvellously assured. With her large, scrubbed face, peasant haircut and a wobbly gait like a weighted doll, she is a welcome change from the pert young maids of yore. Her comic backchat and almost audible sniffs of suspicion serve as a sane commentary on the follies of her master and his medical rogues.

In the closing transformation scene, which ends with a golden tableau it would be a shame to reveal, Murphy's face undergoes another change, shedding years to become a mischievous gallant, licking his lips and reveling in new-found life. For all its irony this makes the happiest of ends. The set, simple but sumptuous, is by Moggie Douglas and the production starts a six-week tour at Swindon next week. Good fun.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Too many stirs?

Definitely too many cooks. This version of the play **Eyes Right**, the programme tells us, has been developed by the cast with Jonathan Robinson after work with Carl Miller on Mark Levine's original text. The result, on show at the Grace Theatre (at the Latchmere, in Battersea), is oddly uncoordinated, characters not consistent, relationships incompletely sketched and situations not carried through. Above all, the writing has an earnest portentousness that at first made me think the cast was missing a whole layer of irony; but when Bibi, wife of Vietnam veteran Claude, urges him to make "mad passionate love" or longs to recapture those brief, magical moments, I suspect this is the coagulated style of Robinson-Miller-Levine plus actress Sara Montague speaking.

The year is 1971 in Attica, New York. The four-day prison rebellion that resulted in more than 40 deaths when troopers stormed the convicts and their hostages is about to break. Claude, not long home from Asia, is a state trooper with a pregnant wife. Their neighbour Joan is married to a warder whom we never see. The quartet is completed by an old comrade of Claude, urges him to make "mad passionate love" or longs to recapture those brief, magical moments, mad that the wonder is none of them call the authorities and have him carted off. He lives in Claude's yard, eating and excreting like a dog, roughs up Bibi when she wears an oriental dress, piles abuse on Joan with whom he eventually has sex, and never lets us know whether he is a genuine monster or simply stupid. Richard Brake gives him a glowering presence that wears thin in his frequent unmotivated exits from and entrances to the limited stage space.

One theme that emerges tentatively is that war makes men callous: no new message, but we are given little else apart from an anecdote about feeding a dog with its owner's heart. The ex-soldiers are thrilled at the prospect of action in Attica, talking of decisiveness, courage and manhood; but nothing is explored or analysed. The play seems to have been cut up and stuck together again, badly.

Neil Barnett's Claude manages such lines as "No drinks — it's going to take more than a six-pack to put out my fire" creditably? The excellent American Lucy Appleton makes us wish the role of Joan were fuller. The direction frequently places the characters on the floor which, in this little theatre's sightlines, is not advisable.

MARTIN HOYLE

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

ROYAL BALLET: The company performs Ashton's delightful *Cinderella*, set to Prokofiev's score. Lesley Collier and Mark Silver take the leads in tomorrow's matinée performance; for the evening, Darcey Bussell is partnered with Zoltan Solymosi.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

YO-YO MA: The virtuoso cellist is joined by pianist Kathryn Stott in a recital that includes sonatas by Beethoven (No 4), Shostakovich (D minor), *Three Preludes* by Gershwin, transcribed by Heifitz, his own transcription of Dvořák's *Romantic Pieces* and De Falla's *Seven Popular Spanish Songs*.
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), Sun, 4pm.

CARMEN: Sally Burgess makes a vibrant Carmen in David Pountney's squalidly realistic English National Opera production which sets Bizet's drama in a Latin American used car lot. Supporting cast includes Edmund Barham (Don José), Donald Maxwell (Escamillo) and Cathryn Pope (Micaela). Justin Brown conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7pm.

LONDON SINFONIETTA: Highlights of the Sinfonietta's two-part gala concert celebrating its 25th birthday include Roger McGough's new version of Stravinsky's *The Soldiers Tale* with John Sessions as the soldier (Part II); the London premiere of Oliver Knussen's *Songs Without Voices* (Part I), and the world premiere of Robert Saxton's new trumpet concerto *Psalm — A Song of Ascents*, performed by leading soloist John Wallace (Part I)
Barbican Hall (as left), tomorrow, Part I 3pm; Part II, 7.30pm.

ROY AYERS: Good tunes, meaningful lyrics and an Afrocentric vibraphone sound earned the multi-talented vibes player much acclaim during the Seventies and early Eighties. His latest CD, *Double Trouble*, sees him using popular synths and drum programmes. He is in residence at London's leading jazz venue until January 30.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747), eves. 8.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Yo-Yo Ma with pianist Kathryn Stott (see London).
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), tomorrow, 8pm

BOURNEMOUTH: The **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** performs an all-Tchaikovsky programme comprising the *Capriccio Italien*, Violin Concerto (with the talented young Tasmin Little) and Symphony No 4
Winter Gardens (tickets from Pavilion Theatre: 0202 297297), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The spring season continues with Juliet Cadzow in the title role of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. Sixteen schoolgirls fill up the numbers of Miss Brodie's *crème de la crème*.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm, mat tomorrow, 3.15pm

GLASGOW: The **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** gives the world premiere of John Maxwell Geddes's Second Symphony "In Memoriam Bryden Thomson", paying tribute to the Scottish conductor who died last year. Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto (with Ronan O'Hora) and Nielsen's Symphony No 5 complete a programme conducted by Jerzy Maksymiuk.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (041-227 5511), tonight, 7.30pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Jiří Kylián's admired company **NDT3**, which grew out of the Nederlands Dans Theater, has created an individual dance language for performers now in their forties and fifties, utilising virtuoso talent and experience that often goes to waste through unnecessary retirement. Kylián, *Mats Ek, Hans van Manen, Maguy Marin* and Chad Neharin have created ballets specially for the group of four gifted dancers featuring Martine van Hamel, for many years a star of American Ballet Theatre.
Playhouse, Wellington Circus (0602 419419), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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☐ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS:** Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins.

◪ **BARNUM:** Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins

◪ **BLACK LIGHT THEATRE OF PRAGUE:** Surreal version of Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland, better suited to a younger audience.*
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916) Tues-Sat, 7pm, mats Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, 2pm, Sun, 4pm. 120mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE:** Energetic update of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, *7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.*

◪ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

◪ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; *doctors flummoxed.* Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◪ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

◪ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

☐ **RICHARD III:** Simon Russell Beale's bald, savagely funny monster in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC staging
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

◪ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in *mid-Victorian London. Successful only* in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DEEP COVER** (18): Undercover cop (Larry Fishburne) infiltrates L.A.'s drug dealers. Potboiler with quirky trimmings. Stars Jeff Goldblum, director Bill Duke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

◆ **MIDNIGHT STING** (15): Rival conmen lock horns over a boxing contest. Ugly, crowd-pleasing fare, with James Woods, Bruce Dern, Louis Gossett Jr. Director, Michael Ritchie.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

NIGHT AND THE CITY (15): Small-time lawyer Robert De Niro turns boxing promoter. Restless, disappointing remake of the 1950 classic. With Jessica Lange; director, Irwin Winkler.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

SCHTONK! (15): Boisterous comedy based on the Hitler diaries scandal. Muted as satire, but enjoyably plush. With Götz George, Uwe Ochsenknecht; director, Helmut Dietl.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

CURRENT

CHAPLIN (12). A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr, but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career.
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◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson, director, Rob Reiner.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** *(0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine, stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18). A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **SINGLES** (12): The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon) Writer-director Cameron Crowe.
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◆ **SOFT TOP HARD SHOULDER** (15): London to Glasgow with an ice-cream heir (Peter Capaldi), a prim miss (Elaine Collins), and too many whimsies for comfort. Director, Stefan Schwartz.
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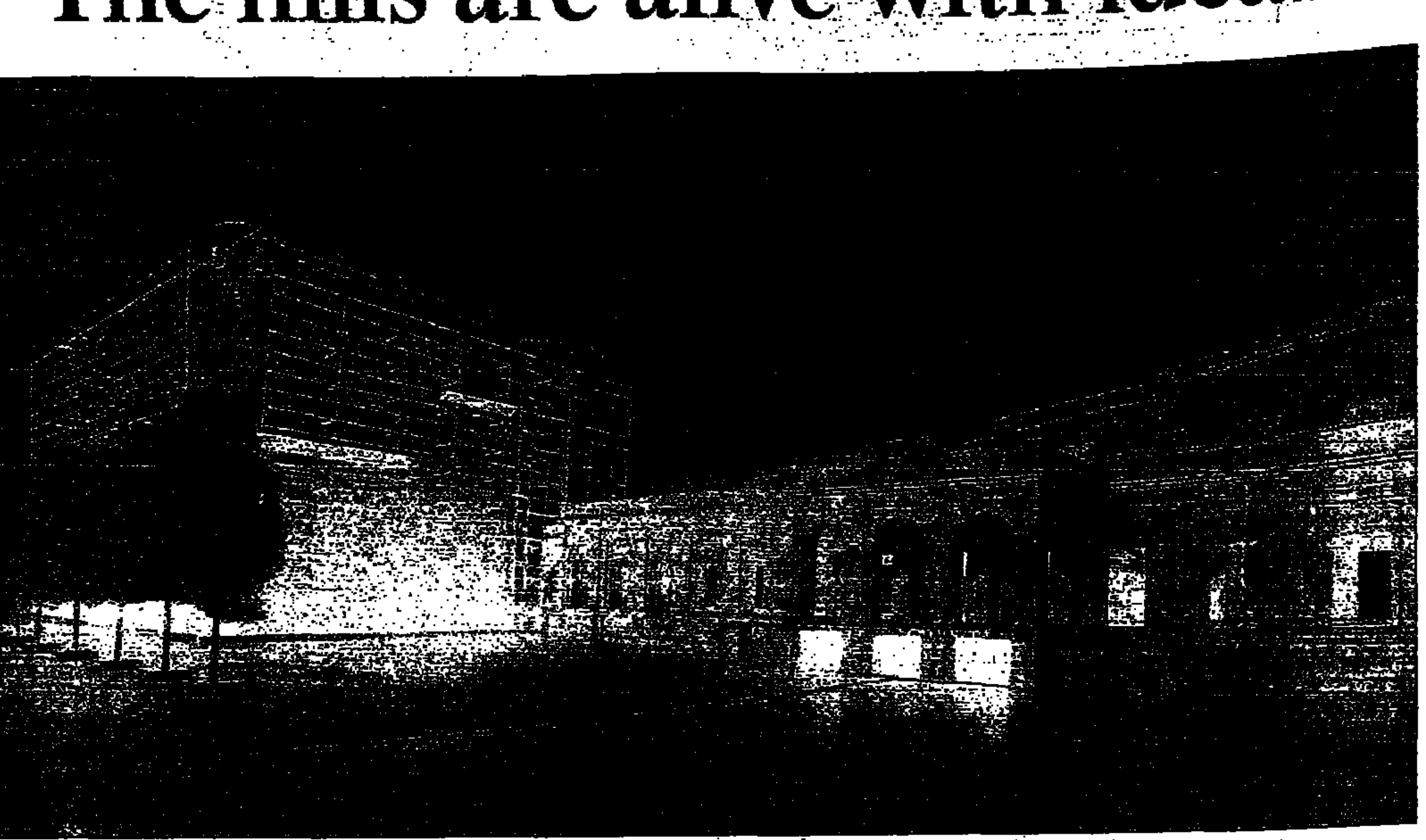
TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu), director, Alain Corneau.
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Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

SPECIAL EVENT

FANG-TA-SEE FEAST: A 13-hour celebration of vampire films through the years begins at 1.30pm tomorrow with the 1958 Hammer classic *Dracula*, with Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing. It ends with a showing of John Landis's latest film, *Innocent Blood*, with Anne Parillaud as a female vampire with conscience.
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The hills are alive with ideas



The new museum quarter proposed for central Vienna: a night view of the model for the Exhibition Hall and the Museum of Modern Art

Austria is planning a massive programme of museum building. Marcus Binney reviews a London exhibition of the proposed designs

In just three years' time Vienna will have its own answer to the Pompidou Centre. Not just one all-singing, all-dancing modern gallery but a whole new museum quarter, immediately behind the famous Kunsthistorisches Museum on the Ring.

The bonanza springs from what the Austrians proudly term the "museum millions", a thousand million Austrian schillings (£60 million) voted by parliament three years ago (with more to come) for use exclusively on museum buildings — not acquisitions. "You would not believe it, but two floors of our natural history museum didn't have electricity," says Dr Peter Marginter, director of London's Austrian Institute.

A new exhibition at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London shows that the running is being made principally with new museum buildings and extensions, not restoration, intended to proclaim a positive political message.

Dr Dieter Bogner, co-ordinator of the new museum quarter, says: "The funding is in place. We have already paid the Vienna Fair, the present occupants of the site, to move and bought the other property we need." Today he believes the project will receive final permission from the city council.

Another star of the Austrian museum scene, also covered in the RIBA exhibition, is the proposed new Guggenheim Museum at Salzburg by the architect Hans Hollein. He has designed an extraordinary succession of spaces entirely hollowed out of the natural rock.

The new museum quarter in Vienna is set behind the long range of imperial stables designed by the great court architect Fischer von Erlach in the 1720s. With low vaulted ceilings, they *are unsuitable for displays* of large objects and will be partly let to shops and commercial art galleries. "The government's philosophy is that the complex should generate sufficient revenue to maintain it to a high 'standard,'" says Bogner. In the stables there will also be a children's museum and apartments above.

> 'The buildings revel in a desire to create space for its own sake'

In the large piazza behind there will be a museum of modern art, an exhibition hall, a library, and a home for the Leopold collection of turn-of-the-century Austrian art, including works by Klimt and Schiele. The museum is intended as an eye-catching work of art in its own right, housing modern paintings at present uneasily exhibited in the powerful baroque setting of the Liechtenstein Palace.

The architects Ortner and Ortner have designed a building covered in a glass dome, not the round dome of a church but a transparent cube such as the Victorians used to keep food fresh. "A solid block of a building would have been too heavy here," says Bogner. "The glass allows a play of light and shade as well as illumination at night. The glass walls will be invisibly lit from within by lights concealed in a moat below ground level."

Manfred Ortner draws a parallel with the Kaabah, Mohammed's shrine, in Mecca, permanently covered in a black shroud. "The inner core of the museum could be transformed in the same way by covering it with fabric or even paper," he says.

The most controversial element has been the 67-metre-high library tower. "We wanted the new complex to have a visible presence on the Vienna skyline, the equivalent of the spires and domes of earlier centuries," says Bogner.

The tall narrow windows of the tower are designed to suggest books on shelves. Inside users are promised the increasingly rare luxury of free access to book stacks in a series of pleasant intimate libraries each with a gallery. With this goes an exhibition hall for temporary exhibitions combined with an all-purpose events hall.

Amidst all the plans for halls, mediateques, media-forums, photo galleries and centres for film and video, there is a danger that some of the real needs of museums will be overlooked.

The Kunsthistorische Museum is desperately short of galleries for its arms and armour and decorative arts exhibits. Its vast collection of tapestries, held to be the finest anywhere, is virtually unseen. One of the curators, Dr Manfred Leithe Jasper, says: "For conservation reasons we do not want to put the tapestries on permanent display but we desperately need space to show the big cycles of up to 12 pieces on a revolving basis."

The latest generation of museum buildings (though not the Pompidou Centre) revels in a desire to create space for its own sake. This is evident in the vast echoing halls beneath the Louvre Pyramid and I.M. Pei's extension to the National Gallery in Washington DC. Both are large enough in terms of cubic feet to house vast collections, but no more than a handful of choice works of art is to be seen.

The RIBA exhibition catalogue (parts of which are very heavy going) places repeated emphasis on museums as public space. One writer argues: "The museum is also a monument, and in this sense can be empty. It is the space in which the people feels itself sovereign."

For all the exciting new architecture that is being created, there is a danger that Austria may end up with a vast quantity of space, a frenzy of happenings and all too little art on the walls.

● From Shrine to Showcase: Austrian Museums for the Nineties, *is at the RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (071-580 5533) until February 13*

TELEVISION REVIEW: Matthew d'Ancona sees old prejudices lurking behind a surface of European unity

Mutual distrust is the one thing we all share

Every political movement needs a bit of culture to keep it busy in the evenings and Euromania is no exception. Now that the government has decided that we are going to have Maastricht and federalisation whether we want them or not, BBC 2 is chipping in with a racy documentary series, **The Essential History of Europe**, in which each country's characteristics are mercilessly scrutinised by one of its neighbours.

This is just the sort of thing to keep the new breed of Eurocrats amused and the Brugeists seething with rage. But is it history?

Last night's instalment looked at Britain through the viewfinder of French director Patrick Le Gall, who started from the proposition that "splendid isolation" has been a ghastly historical error rather than (as most Britons suppose) a means of avoiding conquest, preserving military strength and keeping interest rates below 20 per cent.

This seemed a rather complacent, not to say misleading, approach to the history of Europe. Britain, it was alleged, is guilty of "an obsessive fear of invasion". Perhaps, but only because other countries have been guilty of an obsessive *interest in* invasion. John Bull was merely the psychic answer to fear of Napoleon. And, even today, the rosy new ideal of European unity, to be achieved by negotiation rather than force, must compete everywhere with much older and more powerful manifestations of our nationhood.

The turning point for Britain, apparently, was the arrival of pop music. "Could it be that the old country was opening up?" the voiceover enquired with rich Gallic irony. The implication was that the Beatles and Rolling Stones were in fact responding to some deep, Euro-phile urge — a thesis which is scarcely supported by the quality of French and German pop music in the last 20 years. Surely the early British rock bands were a better example of the to and fro of trans-Atlantic culture and the British impulse to look west for inspiration.

Still, it is always intriguing to see how foreigners perceive Britain. What William Emerson and Bill Clinton adored, Heinrich Heine loathed with every bone in his body. Le Gall had spotted the English love of cliché, continuity and home-ownership, a common desire to imprint fixity upon a small plot of land. How do you explain a nation which is preoccupied by class and meritocracy in equal measure, the film mused.

Predictably, the final verdict was harsh: that silly, insular Britain was jolly well going to have to put up with its new European identity. "HMS United Kingdom," it seems, "has been forced to moor itself to the old continent." Brussels conquers all.

Yet the subconscious message of this film was really much more straightforward: that the French do not much like the English.

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Reported lost, looking for America

Joan Didion, the novelist and journalist, talks to **Melinda Camber Porter** about her life and work

Joan Didion has become one of America's most trusted reporters. When *Sentimental Journeys*, her third collection of pieces, was published last year in the United States, it reached *The New York Times* bestseller list, a lonely masterpiece among the ghost-written autobiographies of baseball players and exploitative laments of recovering celebrity addicts.

It is not that Didion shuns the subject matter that makes America buy newspapers. In fact, in this and her other collections, she delves into popular topics such as Patti Hearst, Nancy Reagan and the case of the woman jogger who was raped in Central Park. What distinguishes Didion from most other reporters is her brilliantly wrought prose and her completely idiosyncratic and original vision. She always seems to get to the heart of the matter.

Her waif-like frame and whispering voice come as a surprise, even though she has often noted that being small has helped her reporting ("It was useful because people never noticed me"). She moved to New York City several years ago, after a lifetime spent in California: "I don't think New York is the avant-garde any more. I think it's just kind of whirling around, spitting out 'new' ideas and describing them for itself. It's just obsessed with the 'new' which doesn't exist. Nothing's really new."

Didion's lengthiest piece in *Sentimental Journeys* is about New York: her Manhattan is an interconnecting inferno of corruption, murder, racial hostility and numbing indifference. It is a city outside the reach of redemption. Does she really hate living in the city as much as her piece would suggest?

"When you write about something, you tend to get rid of it. After we'd been living here for about two years I decided I should really write about New York. I was travelling in and out of town and I still didn't feel at home here. I started a piece on New York, on the Central Park jogger, and it got longer and longer. By the time I finished it I never wanted to write another word about New York. But I realised that all my irritation and anger and frustrations with New York came out and suddenly, the day I finished the piece, I loved being here."

But feeling at home does not appear to inspire Didion as much as the sensation of being an outsider. "I'm not sure I thought about it when I first started writing. But now I sense it as even more marginalising. And a woman writer is even more marginalised than a man.

"I'm not even sure of the importance of books, or of my books to people. However, I'd like to do something practical. I'd like people to pay more attention, and I don't mean

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have more readers or sell more copies. It seems to me that I'm always bringing something horrible to the attention of my readers and nobody does anything about it. So I sometimes think, well, perhaps I should stop expecting people to do something and get up and do it myself, like a Ross Perot."

Didion's sense of her own lack of importance springs from a sense of humility which is apparent in her self-questioning stance. It is perhaps what makes her unflinching criticism of American society so convincing and ultimately sympathetic. Though she appears to underplay her own success as a writer, she is true to herself and her themes in seeing alienation even in the relationship between herself and her readers.

In her non-fiction and her novels, be it *Play It As It Lays* or *Democracy*, she creates a world of loneliness and indifference. Didion's brand of alienation sums up and defines the American malaise: the sense of not belonging, of having no roots. And the world of possessions and success that Didion's characters often inhabit (they are wives of senators, or movie actresses) offers an illusory support that ends up imprisoning rather than freeing them.

Didion writes sympathetically of these high-flyers, as she does of their counterparts in reality. But she may be losing her fascination for a world that has long provided her with her material: New York City, Los Angeles and Washington, where *Sentimental Journeys* is set, no longer hold the key to her understanding of all America.

"I feel very disconnected now from what we think of as the real America. So I went to Mississippi, but I couldn't focus on what I was doing, so I abandoned the idea of writing a book about it. That wasn't the way to do it anyway.

"Then, we had to go to the Northwest to do some lectures in September. It wasn't a good time to go because I had the flu, so I had to drive from Seattle to Portland because I wasn't allowed to fly — and it was astonishing. I couldn't get it out of my mind. It was small towns. Poverty's the wrong word to describe it, but you could see the absence of money that we associate with the coast. I wished I could be able to spend more time there and do a piece because the images I saw are still lingering in me."

In her more private moments, does Didion recognise that books like *Sentimental Journeys* and her novels hold greater sway over the culture than the potboilers and the celebrity autobiographies? She laughs shyly. "You know I went on tour for *A Book of Common Prayer* [one of her novels] and I don't usually agree to do book tours. I was on TV shows being interviewed all day, from one city to the next, and they asked me what was the meaning of the title. I didn't tell them. I made up some story.

"But the book was written as a prayer. It was written with that intention, with that wish that the book would have the power of a prayer. But I didn't want to discuss it with them. I didn't want them to know."

● Sentimental Journeys *is published by HarperCollins, £15*

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ROCK

The odd spot of success

The career of **Julian Cope** is proof of the peculiarities of popularity. His current tour, rescheduled after he fell ill last year, has been drawing large audiences and it ends this weekend with four sold-out nights at London's Town and Country. Meanwhile, he has been dropped by his record company because, in terms of sales, he is not popular enough. Cult success does not equal commercial success.

Not that the lack of a recording contract seems to trouble Cope, whom I saw this week at the University of East Anglia at Norwich. He has a remarkably relaxed stage manner. With his long hair in a top-knot, he wanders the stage first in leopardskin leggings and tiger top, changing later to Mickey Mouse shorts and pink vest.

The evening is a Julian Cope retrospective: nearly 40 songs from ten albums in three hours. It opens with Cope and his three-piece band performing a selection from his critically acclaimed, but unconventional *Peggy Suicide* and *Jehovahkill*. The highlight of a patchy collection is "Safesurfer", a brooding song whose drama is heightened by Cope's manic monologue.

In a brief solo set Cope gives a Beatle-ish charm to songs like "Passionate Friend" and "The Greatness and Perfection of Love", and regales his audience with thoughts that somehow connect Socrates, the Roman empire, Christian guilt and British motorways.

For the final section, the band returns to revive the songs from Cope's time with Teardrop Explodes ("Bouncing Babies" and "Reward") and from his chart successes in the mid-1980s. All this makes for a long night, but Cope is good company. His ebullient performance, his voice (from deep boom to strangled tenor) and his musical references (Jerry Lee Lewis, Neil Diamond, and early Pink Floyd), mark him as an English eccentric, happy to take shelter from the cold winds of commercial reason in cult devotion.

JOHN STREET

CONCERTS: The BBC SO asserts itself; Boulez conducts Boulez with the CBSO

Winners by a friendly punch



Andrew Davis: under his direction, the BBC Symphony Orchestra is playing with unprecedented assertiveness

The Proms they are not. Not yet. But the winter concerts of the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** have perked up since those dismal January nights, not so many years ago, when a few friends of the orchestra, half a dozen critics and a handful of loyal BBC staff used to huddle together in the Festival Hall and watch this orchestra go through the motions of playing "in public".

Of course, the programming is friendlier now. Those bracing modernist seasons have been banished. Wednesday's concert launched a series called "French Connection" with Berlioz's *Symphonie fantastique* and Beethoven's "Emperor" Piano Concerto. The latter's French connection is, I suppose, that Beethoven was hopping mad with the invading French army when he wrote it.

The BBC's other crafty move has been to charge a single flat-rate admission and let people sit where they like — even, it seems, on *The Times* critic's customary throne. Quite right too. It does critics no harm occasionally to listen from the 900th row. And it seems to be attracting a younger audience, perhaps because students can get in for £4.

But the most positive aspect is that the BBC SO is playing so assertively under Andrew Davis's direction. Five years ago, it would have been inconceivable for this orchestra to have attacked Berlioz's "March to the Scaffold" with the punchy flamboyance that it flourished here. Indeed, throughout the symphony those still-startling special effects — from the echoing reeds in the countryside scene to the grotesquely trilling clarinets and syncopated frenzy of the witches' sabbath — were put over with proper glee.

And the *Symphonie fantastique*, for all its mock-macabre climaxes, *is* a gleeful work. It revels in its own preposterous delusions of grandeur, and so do good interpreters of it. Without enervating it of weight and vigour, Davis captured that devilish twinkle. The ball scene was particularly winsome, with the fiddles encouraged to slip fetching *portamenti* into the waltz tune at every opportunity.

The Canadian pianist Louis Lortie was the unimaginative soloist in the Beethoven. Almost certainly his family motto is not "who dares wins".

RICHARD MORRISON

Iceman elicits a warm response

Over the years Pierre Boulez has suffered more than his fair share of bad press. It must therefore always be satisfying for him to receive, with characteristic inscrutability, the kind of wild applause he got from the large audience at the end of his concert on Wednesday with the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** (to be repeated next Tuesday). What was more, the response was to his own music, the four brief movements that so far exist of his *Notations*, orchestral explorations (not simply arrangements) — made in the late Seventies and first heard in 1980 — of some of the 12 eponymous pieces for piano that he wrote in 1945.

They are hugely enjoyable, if a ready intellectual and complex emotional response to pieces which take Schoenbergian expressionism, with all its disturbing ramifications, several stages further can be described as enjoyment. Boulez compels above all by making his music sound completely instinctive. "Modéré-Fantasque" explores mysterious, complex colours, while nervy, brassy explosions erupt throughout "Rhythmique" (the fourth piece, here played second). Correspondingly the grim relentlessness of "Très vif, Strident" (the second piece, played fourth), pummelling the mind into a state of combined exhilaration and dread, contrasts with the rich, complex and dense explorations of the third movement, innocuously headed "Très modéré". This is the product not simply of an intellect but of a highly sensitive soul, something still not commonly recognised in the supposed iceman.

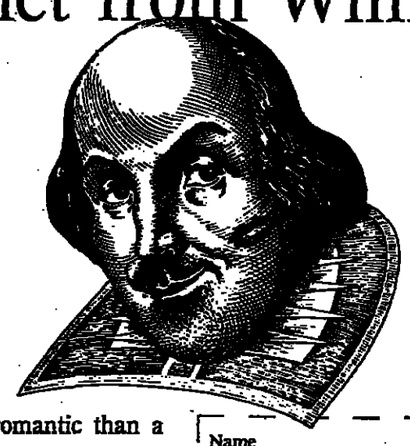
That reputation for coldness, acquired through a mixture of his hard-line youthful polemic and the famously unostentatious, brisk platform manner — no tails, no baton — was also heard to be false in a beautifully paced and shaped reading of Debussy's *Nocturnes*, which had the CBSO, and in "Sirènes" the ladies of its chorus, mixing clarity and opulence in perfectly poised balance.

Before the interval there had been evidence of plainness and lack of finesse in the orchestral playing. Despite Krystian Zimmerman's dynamism in Bartók's gritty First Piano Concerto, and despite Boulez's realisation of some bewitching orchestral timbres — snarling trumpets and trombones, sinewy oriental woodwind, ghostly percussion — there were moments when rhythms could have been more secure. Partly that was Zimmerman's fault; he showed a tendency to force the pace in the faster music, which did however make for a particularly thrilling *moto perpetuo* finale.

Meanwhile, Webern's *Passacaglia* had opened the concert in a wondrous hush as the cellos outlined the theme. It closed equally magically with the muted trombones, also in perfect control, sounding the final D minor chord.

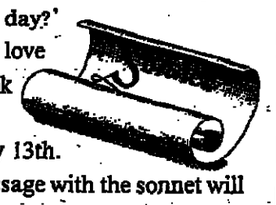
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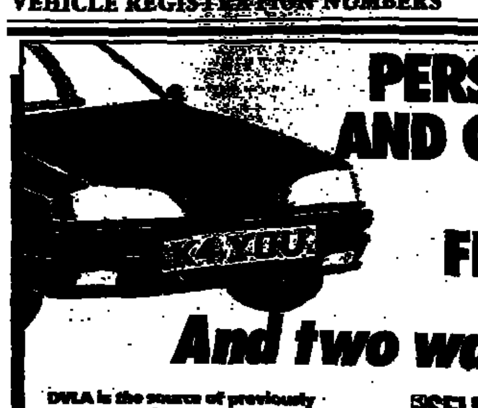
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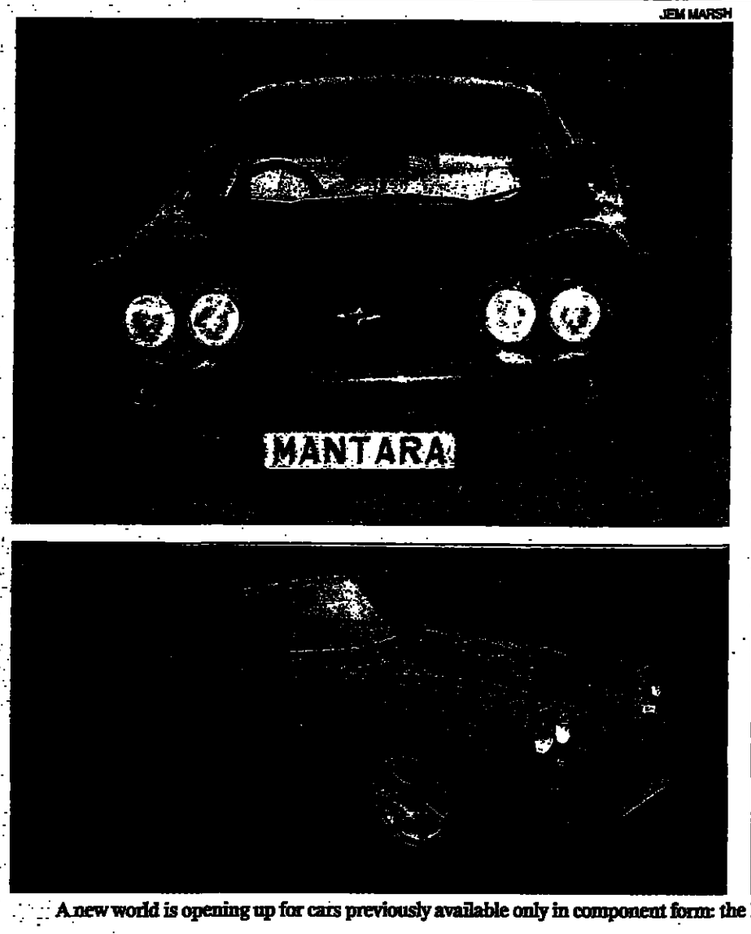
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Out of the box and into the limelight

The "kit car" industry has long had its exotic product held back by safety tests developed for the major car manufacturers. Vaughan Freeman reports on government changes that will open up fresh markets



A new world is opening up for cars previously available only in component form: the Marcos Mantara, top and bottom left; the Westfield, top right; and the Caterham

Fast, exotic and among the most original and beautiful of vehicles, the so-called "kit car" has long been the toy of motoring enthusiasts able to turn a box of bits into a working machine.

Manufacturers, such as Marcos Westfield and Caterham, have resisted the (kit car) tag given to them by detractors, but legal red tape has thwarted their ambitions of graduating to real car production.

Until now these firms, creating distinctive cars using parts from outside sources and supplying them in component form to customers, have not been allowed to sell their vehicles as a finished product. Stringent safety and environmental rules backed by a tough series of tests — known as type approval — have kept the kit car wings neatly docked.

The type approval tests, which were drawn up with volume manufacturers in mind, involve a mountain of paperwork. They also demand destruction tests, for example barrier smashes, to examine a car's strength and safety. These trials can cost a manufacturer about £180,000 a time and for a company such as Marcos, which employs 18 people and sells 100 cars a year, just one such test would mean bankruptcy.

This has meant that until now, low volume and kit car manufacturers have not been allowed to build a finished product that customers can buy in a showroom and drive home. Naturally, this has limited their appeal. How many people will buy a box of bits and spend three months in a garage with a spanner turning it into a car?

All that changed this week when Westfield Sports Cars, a West Midlands car company, became the first to receive the low volume vehicle type approval certificate. Without compromising safety and environmental demands, the certificate allows companies to sell their kit cars in completed form without having to undergo the expensive crash testing demanded of manufacturers such as Ford and Vauxhall.

The certificate is administered on behalf of the transport department by the Vehicle Certification Agency, which will ensure such cars are safe and roadworthy and will also advise firms on how to win type approval. The move means that manufacturers will be able to build up to 400 cars in any one year without having to win full and expensive approval.

The change is an important victory for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and its lobbying efforts on behalf of its Specialist Car Manufacturers Group. Britain's small car-builders are uniformly delighted with the legislation and believe that it will revolutionise their business at home and abroad.

Kenneth Carlisle, the minister for roads and traffic, believes that the existing national type approval system had become too large an obstacle for low volume and kit car manufacturers. "This is mainly the province of the major car builders," he says. "They are familiar with the technical and procedural complexities of getting approval for their vehicle systems and components and are also ableto absorb design and experimentation costs.

"Low volume producers do not have that advantage. Typically these firms are small, producing few vehicles. The complexity and cost of getting their models approved has often been beyond them. The new low volume approval scheme offers them the opportunity to get type approval at a lower cost than under the full scheme. Procedures have been simplified in order to help them."

Low volume manufacturers will still have to make cars that meet all the necessary safety standards to pass an MOT and meet construction, use and lighting regulations. The change has opened the door to continental Europe, since cars that have passed the standard here are almost certain to meet similar standards across the EC.

Jem Marsh, the managing director of Marcos, says: "Now we can register our vehicles as a fully built car in the normal manner. We are seeking out dealers to sell the car and have appointed two already, one in Coventry and the other in West Sussex. Naturally we expect United Kingdom sales to pick up as dealers start to market our vehicles.

"Overseas sales should rise as it is a tremendous advantage to be able to go to another country and show them that we have UK approval to sell the car. We are very optimistic."

Marcos has the capacity to build 150 cars a year. That represents a 50 per cent sales increase which would be warmly welcomed by the company which has just launched its Mantara, priced at £31,000 for the 450 model which will do 160mph.

Caterham has been developing its first fully-built car, the Rover-engined K series which meets all safety and exhaust emissions regulations. More importantly, its flaring wheel-arches, old-style headlights and phenomenal performance satisfy even the most eccentric demands for out-of-the-ordinary motoring.

Graham Nearn, the chairman of the SMMTs specialist car manufacturers group, is also managing director of Caterham Cars. "We still have to meet obvious tests regarding brakes, lights, emissions and so on, but none of the expensive destructive barrier testing," he says. "Instead, the cars will be inspected and meet the required standards that way."

Caterham employs 51 people, although an estimated 300 jobs in supply companies depend on Caterham's success. Last year Caterham built about 600 cars and exported 350, a ratio shared by Marcos. Mr Nearn says: "Our sales go with the economy, but we would expect to put on 200 sales in a good year thanks to this development."

The components car and low volume manufacturers in Britain produce about 6,000 vehicles a year which could be considered small beer for an industry which last year built 1.2 million vehicles. Even so, it is a vibrant and imaginative sector providing not only jobs and many millions of pounds worth of exports but genuine motoring excitement.

"I hope the regulation changes will give small manufacturers the opportunity to expand," Mr Nearn says. "For instance, we do not sell into Italy and Spain but the fact that we are now building a fully assembled car which has approval in Britain will give us great credibility with officials in those countries. The government and the authorities have to be congratulated on this initiative."

Speed is of the essence

Most drivers believe joy-riding is a more serious offence than burglary

Britain's 25 million regular drivers show an alarming ambivalence towards motoring and the law, with almost half of drivers thinking that speeding at 100mph is only a minor offence *(Vaughan Freeman writes)*.

At the same time, 89 per cent of drivers believe that lying about the condition of a car being sold privately should be made an offence, and most believe joy-riding is a more serious offence than burglary.

The 1993 report on motoring from car retail giant, Lex, shows that law and order is a prime concern among motorists and that the incidents of car crime could be 200 per cent higher than official figures suggest.

Home Office statistics for 1991, the latest year for which figures are available, show just under one million reported thefts from cars. Yet the Lex report estimates that four million drivers have had cars broken into in the past two years.

Even so, the obvious lessons are not being learnt and motorists could do far more to protect their vehicles and their possessions. Only a third of cars have central locking, although half the drivers questioned say their next car will have central locking.

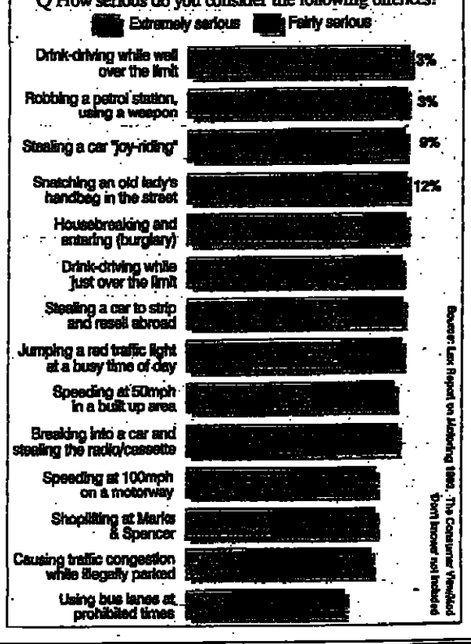
Only a quarter of motorists have had alarms fitted, although 59 per cent would fit one if money were no object.

Despite increased road congestion, higher motoring costs and the recession — which is causing drivers to replace their vehicles less frequently and to lengthen service intervals — motorists show no signs of giving up their vehicles.

There are 23 million cars on our roads today compared to 21 million four years ago and Despite public transport systems and the advantages in town of buses, tubes and taxis, four out of five drivers say they would find it difficult to adjust to a lifestyle without a car. Four drivers out of ten say their ability to work would be disrupted without a car.

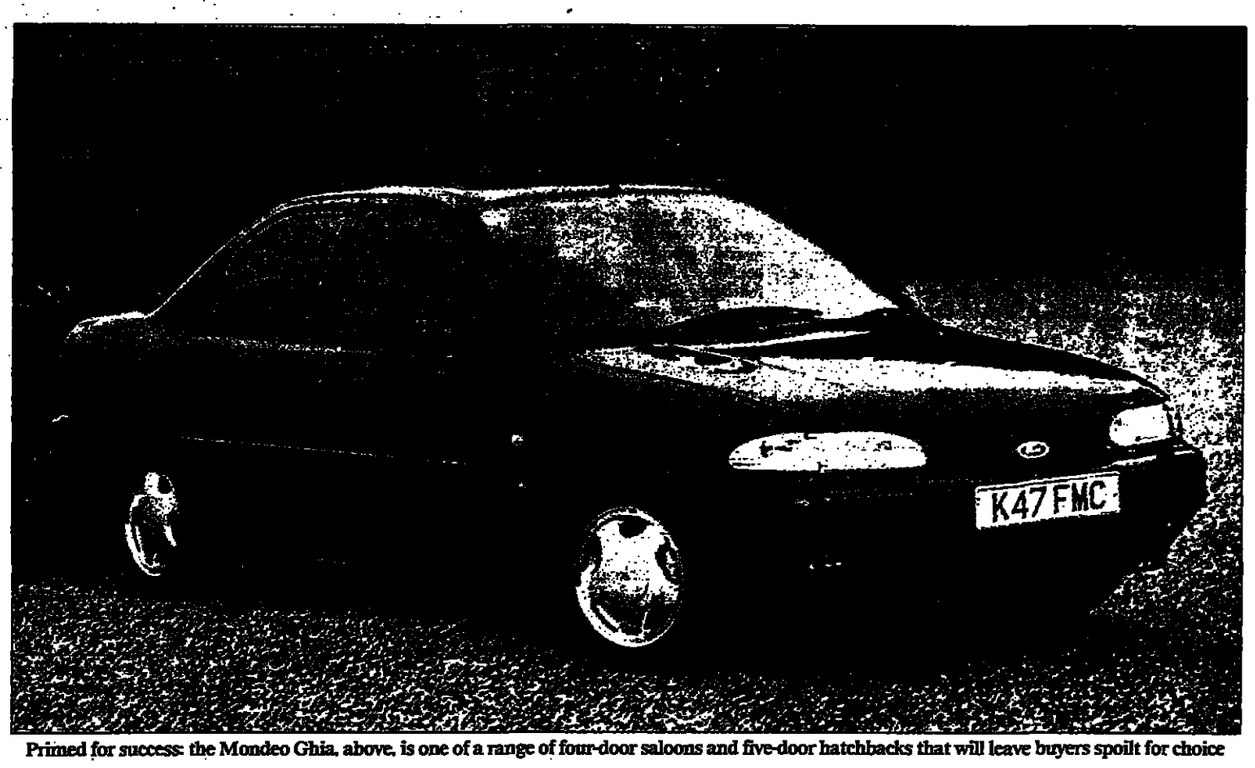
THE CONSUMER VIEW

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The millions that Ford has lavished on its new car have been well spent



Primed for success: the Mondeo Ghia, above, is one of a range of four-door saloons and five-door hatchbacks that will leave buyers spoilt for choice

Mondeo makes its mark

Some cars are so boringly anonymous, others so ugly or ridiculously expensive, that I sometimes slump behind the steering wheel hoping I'll not be spotted *(Vaughan Freeman writes)*.

During my second day driving Ford's new Mondeo I realised that this was a car which, although it makes no obvious claims to glamour or boulevard chic, anyone would be quite happy to be seen in. The revelation dawned on me as I drove on the hilly and bend-ridden roads that weave around the St Tropez region in France, where Ford had chosen to show off the car for the first time.

Unlike the Sierra, its predecessor, which has rear-wheel drive, the Mondeo's transverse-mounted engine drives through the front wheels while the petrol power units are Ford's new Zeta multi-valve engines. It is a combination that worked extremely well in the French hills.

The 1.8-litre version that I drove is expected to be the most popular. Almost half of the Sierras sold were 1.8 litre and my Mondeo seemed happy to go ever upwards, no matter how steep the road, in third gear.

Going down, despite the hairpin bends, the across-the-range power steering and excellent brakes made a nonsense of the continuous S-bends.

With the roads completely empty and dry, it became a challenge to see how hard one could go into a corner before the tyres squealed or the car's balance was upset. Perhaps I am too faint-hearted, but I gave up before the car did.

When driving at motorway speeds on the autoroute, disappointing wind noise marred an otherwise quiet ride, despite claims for wind-noise-free wing mirrors.

Here, too, the Zeta engine performed well, though at high revs there is still some of the harshness that drew criticism during the engine's launch in the Escort. However, even in fifth gear and travelling slighdy faster than the UK speed limit, there is still some acceleration, proving the engine's flexibility.

The car features a soft-shaped curved dashboard that works well, dials are clearly visible and the level of trim impressive.

The leather upholstery makes for comfortable seating and holds occupants well and seats have an inbuilt moulding to prevent occupants "submarining" under the seat belts in the event of an accident.

The cars come in four-door and five-door hatch, the boot of the four-door proved large enough for one suitcase, two suit bags, a couple of briefcases as well as coats. All cars feature a driver's-side airbag and the Ghia has anti-lock braking and air conditioning and the option of traction control to limit wheel-spin when accelerating or in slippery conditions.

Safety for Ford, as well as for other manufacturers, is now the top priority and as well as airbags, standard features include side beams in the doors which make for a very secure closing clunk and seatbelt tensioners to take up slack in an accident.

The family saloon sector, in which Mondeo will compete, reflects exactly the private/company car split in new car sales. Half of Ford's sales in this sector are made to company car fleet managers. The Mondeo's qualities of stability will appeal to such managers who want cars that are reluctant to crash, spin or roll.

For the private buyer a car that is attractive and modern but not so futuristic as to frighten the horses and in which safety is a clear priority should also prove a winning combination.

At its peak a year after its 1982 launch, Sierra accounted for almost 10 per cent of all the new cars sold in the UK. Sierra also regularly took a quarter of all the new cars sold in the so-called C/D sector, the medium-sized family saloon sector favoured by private buyers and company car fleets alike. Ford hopes that Mondeo in the UK will surpass the success of Sierra and that internationally, with plans to build 600,000 Mondeos each year world-wide, the car will eventually account for ten per cent of all Ford production.

When Mondeo was first designed, Ford considered the Honda Accord was the bench-mark to aim against. The posts moved when Nissan introduced the Primera in 1990 and that became the new measuring point.

Now we have the new Accord being built by Honda in the UK and Citroen's Xantia arrives soon to compete in the same sector while Primera and Vauxhall Cavalier are still serious contenders.

The corporate anxiety at Ford about the success of Mondeo runs deep. The car simply has to be a success.

Consumers looking for a car of this size, either a four-door saloon or five-door hatch, are almost spoilt for choice. Ford will have the advantage of an estate model when the range is launched here in March, at which point prices will be disclosed.

At first and brief acquaintance Mondeo indeed would seem, as Ian McAllister, the Ford UK chairman, says, to be the best thing the company has done for a long time.

Ford Mondeo 1.8i Ghia
Engine: 1796cc 4-cylinder petrol with 16 valves giving 115bhp at 5750rpm through five-speed manual gearbox.
Performance: Top speed 121mph. 0-60 in 10.5sec.
Economy: Unleaded fuel giving 52mpg at 56mph, 41mpg at 75mph and 26mpg in town driving.
Price: To be announced.

Classic testing

DOZENS of pre-1941 classic sports cars will be going through their paces at the Brooklands circuit in Weybridge, Surrey, tomorrow. The Vintage Sports Car Club will test its machines between 10am and 4pm on the 1-in-4 test hill and the famous banking and finishing straight. The entry fee is £3.50 and £1.50 for under 16s.

Prices drop

☐ Seat has cut its prices by as much as 12 per cent. The price of the Toledo Turbo Diesel is down by £1,000 to £10,995, while £600 comes off the entry level Toledo 1.6CLi which is cut to £8,695. Stan Cholaj, the managing director of Seat UK, says: "This is an honest, no-gimmicks offer that will bring customers back to the showrooms."

Shocking wear

☐ Handling, steering and breaking can suffer if shock absorbers are not in top condition. RAC trials show that a family saloon with just one poor shock absorber takes an extra 27ft to stop when travelling at 70mph. Tell-tale signs of wear include a vibrating steering wheel, uneven wear on the tyres, hydraulic leaks and the bonnet dipping excessively when breaking.

Bagging VWs

☐ Volkswagen is making twin air bags for the driver and front-seat passenger available as an option on Golf Vento and Passat models. VW says the bags, at £499, inflate almost instantaneously in any collision above 18mph.

Diesel on the up

☐ Diesel car sales last year past the 200,000 barrier for the first time, representing a year-on-year increase of 44 per cent over 1991 and taking a record 12.6 per cent of total new car sales. Just ten years ago diesel sales represented less than 1 per cent of all new cars sold annually.

Paper asset

☐ Paperwork can increase the value of your vehicle. All too often garage bills and repair invoices are thrown out, but the Retail Motor Industry Federation recommends that motorists ensure that every service is registered in the car's history book with a stamp from the garage. Alan Pulham, of the RMI, says: "The background service record of a car is clearly an asset. Failure to provide such a record will not encourage a potential buyer, whether trade or private."

Time for Welsh rugby to redefine an unhappy union


Evans: executive role



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

Whatever sympathy other countries might like to have offered the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) over its traumas in recent years, these commiserations would have been only a momentary phenomenon. After formal expressions of regret that Wales is no longer among the world's best and such like, once the puzzled and pleading Welsh faces had turned, there would have followed an unbridled giggle or two.

The other countries could share a joke. Painful though the accident is, the sight of an intense and self-regarding young man slipping on a banana skin does have its funny side. Perhaps it is even funnier if the careless man himself put the banana skin down in the first place. Much of Wales' rugby troubles seem to be of its own making.

Enough should have been enough, the whole sorry saga having come to an end. But not a bit of it. There is more.

This week, the WRU announced that a special general meeting is to be convened at the end of February. This is to answer allegations made two weeks ago by Glanmor Griffiths, who resigned as honorary treasurer last month.

In an eight-page letter distributed to all the affiliated member clubs, there are accusations from Griffiths of bullying tactics, of the failure to follow proper committee procedure and the apparent railroading of decisions.

There is, also, criticism of the extension of a loan to the secretary and, more emotive in egalitarian Wales, of his alleged use of a chauffeur. More enigmatic, there is the question of money spent on the refurbishment of lavatories. The WRU, Denis Evans, its secretary, and Jonathan Price, the commercial executive, can confidently refute all this and will do so at the meeting.

But this meeting pre-empted another one that 17 Welsh clubs wanted to call. The clubs were demanding that the individual salaries of all the union's 38 staff be disclosed, that the expenses of the union's trip to Ireland last year be explained, and that the role of the treasurer be considered.

Believing it inappropriate, and that a person's salary is a private matter, Evans invoked the Data Protection Act. He will instead present the broad bands of salaries.

At the heart of the conflict is the question: who runs the WRU? There is the erroneous assumption that it is the clubs and affiliated bodies. If they have ultimate authority at the AGM it is, however, their nominated representatives who are delegated to manage the union's affairs.

As with a public company, the clubs, like shareholders, nominate their representatives, the non-executive directors, to be on the general committee, the board of directors. If the committee draws the broad policy, it employs someone else, in this case Evans, to execute the details.

Evans, rightly, has interpreted his role as that of chief executive. This title, imbued as it is with a sense of power, offends old sensibilities. He sees himself as a leader, not a servile factotum who simply looks after the minutes of meetings. Even Scotland, the most conservative union of all in the past, has accepted this new nomenclature.

The WRU has seen its income increase from £4 million to £13 million in four years. Which raises the question as to why it should any longer be thought necessary to appoint a new honorary treasurer. This voluntary post is a remnant of a less complicated time when match tickets were the only source of revenue. The position needs to be defined afresh.

While liking to believe that it represents part of a radical tradition, Welsh rugby is ultimately an unreconstructed, conservative institution. Another item on February's agenda is to consider the committee's structure. Who should represent the WRU?

This is where rugby and politics meet with a vengeance. It is self-preservation time. Bright young turks have fashioned a career so as to arrive, sooner or later, at this top table. Nobody wants to be voted off. This, to many, is the hottest meal-ticket in town.

Olympic champion shows true grit

Capriati has to dig deep to survive challenge of Labat

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

WHATEVER the state of her game at present, nobody can question the size of Jennifer Capriati's heart. The Olympic champion thrives in adversity and she showed enormous courage in twice coming back from the dead to beat Florentia Labat in the second round of the Australian Open here yesterday.

Confined to bed with a high temperature for much of the previous two days, the young American had been forced to pull out of her high-profile doubles partnership with Steffi Graf and, though her match had been delayed until the evening, was clearly not fully recovered in time for her singles. At a set and 4-1 down to the former world junior champion, she was heading for even deeper trouble until a last ditch decision "just to go for it" finally began to pay off.

Outplayed on the baseline by the Argentinian left-hander, Capriati rushed the net and trusted to fate. "Something came over me and I just said 'get to the net'," she explained. "I don't think I have played so many volleys in a whole month of matches."

Even so, had Labat managed to convert one of the four points she had to take a 5-1 lead, even Capriati's powers of recovery would surely have been broken. But she did not and once the No. 7 seed had taken seven of the next eight games to level, the crisis passed. Capriati won 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. "I had my chance and I lost it," Labat moaned.

Having begun so impressively against Steeb in the first round, Pete Sampras found Magnus Larsson, of Sweden, more of a test. Larsson lives in Vaxjo, the birthplace of Mats Wilander. But the comparison between the two ends there.

Where Wilander was neat and precise in his tennis and his dress, Larsson is chaos, from the top of his cap worn the wrong the way round, through his untucked shirt to the hopelessly baggy shorts and splayed feet.

He has the shambling manner of M. Hulot looking for his bicycle and his limbs function so erratically at times it seems more accident than design when ball and racket make meaningful contact.

But, when all the strings are being pulled in the same direction at the same time, he likes to give the ball "a bit of a nudge", as the locals say, and his inconsistency can be his most dangerous weapon.

"You're never quite sure what is coming next," Sampras said. "He can go for some huge forehands and make some stupid errors. He's got a wicked first serve."

Larsson's one hot streak, and a momentary lapse of concentration by the third seed in the second set, brought the Swede level. But Sampras took control again with an early break in the third and his 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory was comfortable enough in the end.

Sampras, though, has aggravated an old shin soreness which caused his withdrawal here two years ago. "The courts don't agree with my shins because it's a little sticky and there's really no give out there," he said. "This year my shins have been a bit sore, but it's something I shall have to deal with." On the evidence of his first two rounds, he is on course for another five matches.

On the outside courts, where play started only in mid-afternoon because of heavy rain, the deeds of the French diverted attention from the Swedes for once. Arnaud Boetsch came from two sets down and saved six match points before beating Jonas Svensson by 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, 10-8, while his compatriot, Cedric Pioline, was two sets ahead and wasted six match points in a 2-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5, 8-6 defeat by Alex Volkov, the No. 16 seed. A true case of agony and ecstasy.

The pair were on court for a total of eight hours ten minutes, which is about the aggregate time it took all the eight seeds in the bottom half of the women's singles to reach the third round.

The three Maleevas led the way, dropping 11 games among them, followed by Graf, Mary Joe Fernandez, Anke Huber, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, none of whom dropped a set, and a somewhat breathless Capriati.

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: A Antonitsch (Austria) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-3, 6-2, 9-7, 6-2; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt H Holm (Swe), 7-5, 2-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt C Pioline (Fr), 2-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5, 8-6; B Black (Zim) bt M Göllner (Ger), 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; M Washington (US) bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-2, 7-5, 6-1; B Steven (NZ) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 7-6, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt M Larsson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Stark (US) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, 10-8; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt H Danman (Aus), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; R Fromberg (Aus) bt M Keil (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt T Champion (Fr), 7-6, 6-1, 7-5, S Simean (Fr) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1; S Eqberg (Swe) bt D Prinosil (Cz), 6-2, 6-0, 6-1

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: K Jones and R Leach (US) bt K Evernden (NZ) and N Pereira (Ven), 7-5, 6-4, S Cannon and S Melville (US) bt S Davis and T Wilkison (US), 6-2, 6-3; T Nysaen (Holl) and C Suk (Cz) bt D Eisenman and T Mercer (US), 6-4, 6-7, 8-2; P Kuhnen (Ger) and D Nargiso (It) bt T Kempers and M Oosting (Holl), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, J-L De Jager and M Ondruska (SA) bt F Montana and G Van Emburgh (US), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, S Casal and E Sánchez (Sp) bt M Damm and V Flegl (Cz), 7-5, 7-5; P Kildarry and P Rafter (Aus) bt M Bernard and B Haygarth (SA), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; G Muller (SA) and J Sánchez (Sp) bt T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus), 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; O Camporese (It) and R Krajicek (Holl) bt B Shelton and K Thorne (US), 6-2, 6-4; G Michibata (Can) and D Pate (US) bt B Devenay (US) and O Rahnasto (Fin), 6-4, 6-3; B Pearce (US) and B Talbot (SA) bt B Black (Zim) and D Wheaton (US), 6-3, 7-5; D Visser (SA) and L Warder (Aus) bt W Arthurs and M Tebbutt (Aus), 7-5, 8-7, 8-2; J Bates (GB) and M Schapers (Holl) bt L Lavalle (Mex) and L Mattar (Br), 6-4, 6-3; J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt S Stolle and J Stoltenberg (Aus), 7-6, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: M Babel (Ger) bt T Price (SA), 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-4, 6-1; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt A Temesvari-Trunkos (Hun), 6-1, 7-5, N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-1, 7-5; C Porwick (Ger) bt D Graham (US), 6-3, 7-5; A Huber (Ger) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-2, 6-4; M Maleeva (Bul) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-1, 6-0; G Helgason (US) bt S Maier (Ger), 6-3, 6-3, S Graf (Ger) bt J Seribrock (US), 6-1, 6-1; K Maleeva (Bul) bt D Monami (Bel), 6-1, 6-4, S Pitner (Ger) bt K Hobsudova (Slovakia), 6-2, 7-6, N Zvereva (Belarus) bt S Hack (Ger), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3, M Fernandez (US) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Tai), 7-6, 6-4; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-0, 6-1; R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt S Rehe (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; J Capriati (US) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round: L McNeil (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) and W Probst (Ger), 6-4, 6-4, S McCarthy and K Po (US) bt A Hirose and N Kijimuta (Japan), 6-2, 7-5; Y Basuki (Indo) and N Miyagi (Japan) bt S Collins (US) and M Pierce (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; M Kiene and M Oremans (Holl) bt J Fuchs (US) and M Strandlund (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; S Dopfer (Aus) and M Zivec-Skulj (Ger) bt S Appelmans (Bel) and I Demongeot (Fr), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, J Limmer and K McDonald (Aus) bt N Baudone (It) and B Fulco-Villella (Arg), 6-3, 6-2

HOCKEY

Sherwani is a threat to St Albans

THE five-year reign of St Albans as national indoor club champions will be under serious threat today when they face Stourport in the quarter-finals of this year's competition at Crystal Palace (Sydney Friskin writes).

The teams met in the final last year, when St Albans won 3-1, and an equally exciting contest is in prospect today. Stourport, winners of the Birmingham international tournament, have outstanding players in Sherwani, Knott and Roberts.

St Albans, however, are still a fighting force under the influence of Halliday and Jennings, who was top scorer, with 19 goals, in the recent Glenfiddich tournament in Glasgow.

The winner of this match will meet either Firebrands, from Bristol, or Old Loughtonians in the semi-finals. In the other quarter-finals, East Grinstead play Harborne and Welton, from Hull, meet Blackheath.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fell
ITALY							
Cervinia	30	250	good	icy	sunny	2	28/12
(Snow holding out well on upper and glacier pistes)							
Madesimo	30	200	mixed	icy	fine	6	12/1
(Still good skiing above mid-station; all 21 lifts open)							
AUSTRIA							
Igls	0	30	poor	closed	sunny	4	12/12
(Limited skiing on hard and icy snow; three lifts open)							
Mayrhofen	0	60	mixed	closed	sunny	4	8/1
(Top runs offer best skiing; resort badly needs new snow)							
Obergurgl	55	155	good	slick	sunny	2	8/1
(Snow cover still good: all lifts and runs open)							
Schladming	10	80	mixed	poor	fine	1	12/12
(Spring snow; 80% of ski area open)							
Zurs	80	140	good	worn	sunny	0	12/12
(Still good skiing on hard snow; 30 of 33 lifts open)							
FRANCE							
La Clusaz	0	15	poor	closed	sunny	15	12/1
(Icy conditions throughout; only six of 72 pistes open)							
La Thuile	30	160	fair	icy	sunny	4	21/12
(Good skiing on upper runs; 14 lifts open)							
Meribel	10	140	mixed	tricky	sunny	12	12/1
(Best snow above 2,000m; lower pistes worn)							
Serre Chevalier	40	140	mixed	thin	sunny	8	—
(Stade very icy; 99 of 113 pistes and 66 of 77 lifts open)							
Tignes	120	350	good	open	fine	0	12/1
(Good skiing on soft snow; best on La Grande Motte glacier)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	50	60	fair	icy	sunny	2	14/1
(All 16 lifts open; best skiing on Weisshorn)							
Crans Montana	10	190	mixed	closed	sunny	0	12/12
(Good cover above mid-station; all lifts open)							
Klosters	10	150	mixed	poor	sunny	0	12/12
(Overall icy conditions; nearly all lifts open)							
St Moritz	50	80	good	icy	sunny	-3	8/12
(Heavy snow but all pistes still open)							
UNITED STATES							
Aspen	120	130	good	openpart cloud		-3	20/1
(Good skiing on soft snow; all lifts open)							
Jackson Hole	85	170	good	open	cloudy	-6	20/1
(Cold temperatures maintaining good snow cover; entire ski area open)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

JOHN HOULIHAN


Relaxed look: Fox sporting his new baseball cap in a break in training for the Regal Trophy final yesterday

Fox adds lustre to shining legend

Christopher Irvine talks to Peter Fox as he prepares to inspire his Bradford Northern team for the Regal Trophy final tomorrow

RUGBY league is divided between love and loathing for Peter Fox, not because he is nearly always right but because he will insist on telling everybody he is.

There are those who shrink at Fox's transformation of Bradford Northern, second time around. Others view the achievement of a rejuvenated side in reaching the Regal Trophy final tomorrow, when they play Wigan, as vindication of his skills as the finest coach in the business. "I am the best, pure and simple," exclaimed Fox, cheeks flushing, before a twinkling smile gives him away.

At 57, the cocksure image burns brighter than ever: bluff and boastful are labels too readily applied to a man of rigid self-belief.

His brief reign as Great Britain coach lasted the 1978 home series against Australia. Fox recited poetry to the side before the second match at Odsal. Some players were reduced to tears and the old enemy were duly brought down a peg.

Fox said: "John Atkinson, of Leeds, said afterwards how marvellous it was and how it had inspired him. I always remember him saying, 'I didn't think I liked thee before Foxy, but now I know thee, I like thee a lot'. Next match we lost, and someone wrote how they didn't want a poet as coach. What rubbish!"

Ask any of his players, and they know of no greater motivator or more brilliant strategist. Fox's critics cannot help a sneaking admiration. But to most committee men, he is cussed, overbearing and out of touch with so-called modern thinking.

Fox has retired his pork pie hat for a Green Bay Packers cap in the dug-out, but old-fashioned is another popular description that irritates him. "These people come in and think they know it all," he said. "They don't realise that rugby league is simple. They try to complicate it. That's where I succeed: knowledge of the game. That is the secret."

He eschews the videos and statistics on which most other coaches rely. His one good eye has always proved good enough. In a coaching career of 22 years, he has won every domestic honour, pulling four clubs up by their boot straps, including Featherstone Rovers two times, and now Bradford twice. A lean year at Leeds was the one exception to his successes.

Peter was a bread-and-butter leader of the pack from loose forward, but his younger brothers, Don and Neil Fox, the world point-scoring record-holder, were geniuses at the game, and utterly self-effacing sorts. He emerged from their shadows at Featherstone, where Fox took a group of local men and transformed them into Challenge Cup winners within two years of arriving in 1971.

His first spell of eight years at Bradford enshrined the Fox legend. He then breathed life into Featherstone for a second time, before yet another resignation, and another mountain to climb at Bradford, where he narrowly staved off relegation last season.

There may well be a few stirring verses tomorrow, Henry V possibly, but Fox will also gather his flock and remind them that in reaching a final they have proved enough. "You've earned the right to be on show. You've got a medal. It just might as well be the gold," and the smile returns.

IN BRIEF

Hall seeks a record sixth title

Darren Hall may have to defeat his longest-standing rival if he is to beat the record of five singles titles he shares with his cousin and coach, Ray Stevens. The top-seeded Essex player was yesterday drawn in the same half as his regular room-mate, Steve Butler, for the BVC English national badminton championships in Norwich from February 5 to 7.

The women's favourite is Joanne Muggeridge, who has flown home from the Korean Open with flu.

Woosnam out

Golf: Ian Woosnam has withdrawn from the Australian Masters next month because of a schedule conflict. He is playing in the Malaysian Open instead.

☐ Bill Done, the financial director of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA), has been suspended from his duties. The PGA will make a statement on what is an internal matter when Done returns from holiday next week.

Need to know

Cricket: The Test and County Cricket Board's registration committee yesterday deferred an announcement about Bill Athey's proposed move from Gloucestershire to Sussex until Tuesday "because of the need to inform all parties concerned".

Krabbe date

Athletics: Katrin Krabbe's appeal against her suspension by the German Athletics Federation for an alleged doping offence is expected to be heard on February 20.

Sheffield chosen

Modern pentathlon: Sheffield will stage the 1994 world championships.

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FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results on Wednesday
FA CUP: Third-round replays: Barnsley 1, Leicester City 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min, Barnsley won 5-4 on pens and are home to West Ham); Bristol Rovers 0, Aston Villa 3 (Aston Villa home to Wimbledon).
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Southend United 1, Newcastle United 1
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Second round: Huddersfield Town 3, Doncaster Rovers 0; Stoke City 4, Blamer 1
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Postponed: Falkirk v Berwick Rangers. Third-round replay: Celtic 1, Clyde 0 (Celtic away to Falkirk or Berwick)
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Heart of Midlothian 2, St Johnstone 0. First division: Cowdenbeath 2, Meadowbank 2. Postponed: Hamilton v Ayr. Second division: Arbroath 2, Stranraer 1
KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Postponed: Abergavenny v Inter Cardiff
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 0, Bristol City 0, Fulham 0, West Ham 2, Oxford Utd 0, Swindon 5, Southampton 0, Chelsea 0, Wimbledon 4, Brighton 0, Norwich 3, Crystal Palace 1. Postponed: Watford v Ipswich. Second division: Birmingham 1, Exeter 1; Cheltenham 0, Swansea 0. Postponed: Plymouth v Yeovil; Torquay v Cardiff
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Blackpool 1, West Bromwich Albion 0; Burnley 1, Port Vale 1, Middlesbrough 0, Mansfield 2, Oldham 2, York 3, Scunthorpe 0, Bradford 1.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork City 0, Limerick 1
DUTCH LEAGUE: Twente Enschede 5, Den Bosch 0.

BADMINTON

SEOUL: Korean open championships: Men's singles: Third round: A Kusuma (Indo) bt A Nielsen (Engl), 15-8, 15-4; Wu Wenkai (China) bt S Butler (Engl), 8-15, 15-10, 15-3; Lee Kwang-jin (S Kor) bt D Hall (Eng), 17-15, 15-7. Quarter-finals: Kusuma bt Ahn Jae-chang (S Kor), 15-7, 15-4; T Sivar Laundson (Den) bt Kim Hak-kyun (S Kor), 15-8, 15-9; Park Sung-woo (S Kor) bt Wu Wenkai, 15-6, 7-15, 15-8; J Suprianto (Indo) bt Lee Kwang-jin, 15-10, 7-15, 15-7.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 123, Phoenix Suns 119; Boston Celtics 121, Atlanta Hawks 106; Philadelphia 76ers 117, Miami Heat 112; New York Knicks 114, Charlotte Hornets 91; Portland Trail Blazers 110, Minnesota Timberwolves 94; Golden State Warriors 120, Utah Jazz 113, Seattle SuperSonics 111, Los Angeles Lakers 101.
CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Hemel Hempstead Royals 97 (Nigel 30, Hope 29) London Towers 103 (P Scantlebury 25, R Scantlebury 19).

BIATHLON

ANTERSELVA, Italy: World Cup event: Men's 20km: 1, U Johansson (Swe), 54min 25.8sec; 2, F Kuoppa (Swe), 55.59.0; 3, E Mutschlechner (It), 56:07.8. World Cup leader: M Loefgren (Swe).

CRESTA RUN

STAGNI CUP: 1, L Plana (Fr), 2min 38.41sec; 2, D Keller (Switz), 2:42.28; 3, S Hinny (Switz), 2.45.73; 4, C Renwick (GB), 2:46.50; 5, T Hill (GB), 2:47.69.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
Barclays League
First division
Birmingham v Peterborough (8.00)
Second division
Stockport v Chester (7.30)
Third division
Colchester v York (7.45)
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Arsenal (7.30).
EXHIBITION MATCH: Shelbourne (Ire) v Liverpool (7.45).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
St Helens v Halifax (7.30)
OTHER SPORT
SNOOKER: Regal Welsh championships (Newport).

CRICKET

DELHI: Tour match: Indian Board President's XI 224 and 259-9 dec, England Under-19 XI 267 and 91-2; match drawn.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane: Queensland 168 (T Cooley 4-49), Tasmania 88-3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 3, New Jersey Devils 2.

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Tournament Players Championship: First round (Australia unless stated): 67: T Power, C Jones. 68: B King. 69: S Appleby, M Campbell (NZ), A Coates, W Smith. 70: W Grady, I Stanley, A Stotz, S Pintauli, A Pearce, P McWhinney, O Moore. Leading Briton: 71: P Hoad.
PATTAYA: Thailand women's open tournament: First round: 70: C Panton-Lewis (GB). 71: Li Wen-lin (China), K Lunn (Aus). 72: C Dibnah (Aus), S Gronberg (Swe), K Sakr (US), S Winsinger (US), Y Nakamura (Japan), M Wadsworth (GB), N Bowen (US). Other British scores: 73: D Dowling, J Soutsby. 74: L Davies, H Dobson, S Prosser.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull KR 8, Hull 0; Warrington 6, Widnes 10. Second division: Bramley 6, Carlisle 2. Third division: Keighley 36, Blackpool 4.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Oxford Univ 8, Royal Navy 14; Cambridge Univ 22, RAF 24; Moseley 41, Worcester and Hereford 29.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Welsh Under-18 Cup: Llandovery Coll 7, Neath Coll 10. Other Matches: Eltham 12, Emanuel 0; Old Swinford Hospital 31, King Edward's, Aston 16.

SKIING

SERRE CHEVALIER, France: British Army championships: Giant slalom: Men: 1, Lpr A Beech (HCR), 2min 38.14sec; 2, Sgt I Dryden (COH), 2:38.89. Women: 1, Capt A Steel (AWSS1), 3.12.11; 2, Lt J Palmer (AWSS1), 3.13.56.

YACHTING

GLOBE CHALLENGE: Round the world race: Leading positions (with distance to finish): 1, Bagages Superior (A Gautier, Fr), 10,826 miles; 2, Fleury Michon (P Poupon, Fr), 11,028; 3, Groupe LG (B de Broc, Fr), 11,822; 4, Sodap Hellim (J-L Van den Heede, Fr), 11,873; 5, K and H Bank Mister (N Fa, Hun), 12,600

Answers from page 36

CAMPERDOWN

(b) The site off the Dutch coast where the English under the gigantic Admiral Duncan inflicted a decisive defeat on the Dutch under De Witte in 1797. Newbolt: "Fifteen sail were the Dutchmen bold,/ Duncan he had but two." That was during the Nore Mutiny, of course. At Camperdown, Duncan had 16 when he zapped the Dutch.

GLUTTERED

(c) Glared or glowered. "Beasts prowling in the blackness, gluttered at Neepy Thang." From "The Bird of the Difficult Eye" by Lord Dunsany in Tales of Wonder. This is cheating, really, since Lord Dunsany, batty old bird, glosses gluttered verbatim and in toto: "See any dictionary, but in vain."

JOHN LACKLAND

(a) Derisive designation and nickname of King John, translation by modern historians of his conventional epithet in contemporary records - Sine Terra: "John, King of England, surnamed Sansterre or Lackland, a common appellation of younger sons, whose age prevented them from holding fiefs."

THE SOKE OF PETERBOROUGH

(c) The district under a particular local supervision or jurisdiction, from the medieval Latin soca, abolished like so many other ancient counties by unconservative historical and geographical vandalism under Mr Heath's regime: "Lincolnshire comprises 31 wapentakes, hundreds, liberties and sokes." Surely more than that, Ed?

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: white delivered a classic smothered mate with 1 Qc4+ Kh8 2 Nf7+ Kg8 3 Nh6++ Kh8 4 Qg8+! Rxg8 5 Nf7 mate.

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Ricketts wins key role in industry's future

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

TRISTRAM Ricketts yesterday won the contest for the toughest job in racing — chief executive of the newly formed British Horseracing Board.

The appointment of Ricketts, aged 46, to the £100,000 a year post will send out a clear signal that the sport's new governing body is truly independent and not the Jockey Club in a different guise.

Christopher Haines, chief executive of the Jockey Club and the architect of the BHB, had been favourite to win the job until recently, but in the end his close ties with the old guard, in the shape of the Jockey Club, counted against him.

Yesterday's announcement is not without its ironies. Ricketts applied to become the first chief executive of the Jockey Club when the job was advertised in 1989. He lost out to Haines. The man who won then, and subsequently pushed for the creation of the BHB to administer racing, has lost out partly because of the job he held.

The decision by the 11 BHB board members to choose Ricketts, grandson of Sir Stafford Cripps, and chief executive of the Levy Board since 1980, was, in effect, unanimous.

From more than 150 applications, the board gave ten people an initial interview, including six from a non-racing background. A short-list of three was then produced.

The main objectives of the BHB, to generate more money for racing through the levy and eventually to take over the levy structure and the Totalisator Board, will ensure the chief executive's job is concentrated more in the political than business arena.

This favours Ricketts, who was personal assistant to Sir (now Lord) Desmond Plummer at the GLC before he joined the Levy Board 19 years ago.

Haines, not the best of communicators, is understood to have given an excellent final interview — arguably better than that of Ricketts — but as the board members discussed who should become chief executive, it soon became clear Ricketts was the favoured choice. There was no vote.

All 11 board members, including the four from the Jockey Club — Lord Hartington, Christopher Spence, Lord Zetland and David Oldrey — were acutely aware of the need to be seen to make a fresh start and not to be party to an "inside job" or Portman Square takeover — as the appointment of Haines would undoubtedly have been regarded by the outside world.

The dilemma facing Lord Hartington, in particular, must have been daunting given the way he had worked closely with Haines in transforming the Jockey Club and setting up the BHB. In the end, he and his colleagues put the needs of racing first.

While there will be every sympathy with Haines — he remains chief executive of the Jockey Club until April when the job no longer exists — the appointment of Ricketts will delight most racing administrators.

Educated at Winchester, where he was an outstanding linguist, and Cambridge, he is a highly intelligent man, whose detailed knowledge of the racing industry makes him the sport's top civil servant.

He is an excellent communicator and stand-up comic. His after-dinner speeches, with his six-and-a-half foot frame crouched over a microphone, are a masterpiece as he adopts the manner of a newscaster to announce next year's most unlikely headlines.

Last night, Ricketts spoke of the challenge of playing a central role in the development of an executive body "created by racing for racing."

The new job will take effect from when the BHB is formally constituted in April. He faces a formidable task knitting the BHB together and setting the sport's new governing body on the right path. His inside knowledge of the Levy Board and the way the bookmakers negotiate should stand him in good stead.

Securing a greater financial return for racing from the £4 billion wagered each year on horses and/or a reduction in betting duty will be a priority. However, the longer-term goals of subsuming the role of the Levy Board and taking over the Tote offer the sternest challenge.

□ Rodney Brack, deputy chief executive of the Levy Board since 1989, was last night appointed to take over from Ricketts as chief executive.



Power player: Tristram Ricketts, who was elected chief executive of the British Horseracing Board yesterday

Scudamore is banned

PETER Scudamore had the gloss rubbed from a Martin Pipe-trained treble at Taunton yesterday when he received a four-day ban (January 30 to February 2) for misuse of the whip.

The stewards punished the champion after Riverside Boy, game winner of the Eldridge Pope Handicap Chase, was found to be marked on his nearside quarters.

Scudamore, far from happy, said: "Next time I'll finish second, that will show them."

Riverside Boy led two fences out and stayed on grimly to beat Just So a neck with Scudamore earning praise from most observers for his riding.

But the veterinary officer reported that the ten-year-old had been injured as a result of the whip.

Its Nearly Time resumes after motorway escape

By Richard Evans

A HORSE involved in an horrific motorway pile-up earlier this month races at Warwick tomorrow in preparation for a tilt at the Cheltenham festival.

Its Nearly Time, a ten-year-old chaser, was returning in a horsebox from Newbury on January 4 along with owner-trainer, Becky Brackenbury, and her husband, John, when it overturned on a contraflow on the M5 between Bridgwater and Taunton.

After colliding with another vehicle the horsebox split into two with the back half disintegrating. The Brackenburys, who run a pub at Morleigh in Devon — hence the horse's name — suffered a combination of arm, leg and internal injuries and were in hospital for a week.

Incredibly, the horse emerged from the wreckage without a scratch and began to wander down the motorway. Fortunately, another horsebox was following close behind and It's Nearly Time was transported home.

Paul Nicholls, a son-in-law of the Brackenburys, has taken over training Its Nearly Time. "It was a horrendous accident and the horse and my in-laws were lucky to get out alive.

"The horsebox is a total write-off. You would not believe anyone could have got out of it alive. During the impact it completely disintegrated," he said yesterday.

"Luckily, Its Nearly Time did not have a mark on him. He was just wandering on the motorway.

"We gave him a week off after he arrived here but he's been working nicely recently. He's travelled since the accident and seems perfectly all right."

Its Nearly Time won his seasonal debut and is well handicapped.

"We are hoping we can build him up and get him into a decent handicap, like the Grand Annual Chase at Cheltenham, because he keeps improving," Nicholls said.

Becky Brackenbury hopes to watch the horse run tomorrow. At Newbury the horse was taken out of his intended race because of frosty ground.

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MANDARIN
1.30 Clever Shepherd.
2.00 Texan Tycoon.
2.30 Cogent.
3.00 Whatever You Like.
3.30 Her Honour.
4.00 Ebony Gale.
4.30 Per Quod.

THUNDERER
1.30 Clever Shepherd.
2.00 **PEACEMAN** (nap).
2.30 Cogent.
3.00 Alkinor Rex.
3.30 Her Honour.
4.00 Early Man.
4.30 Per Quod.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.30 Clever Shepherd. 3.30 Scrutineer. 4.00 **SHADEUX** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **ALKINOR REX**.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.30 HANWORTH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,469: 3m) (7 runners)

101 13P1-35 CACHE FLEUR 13 (B,C,F,G,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 7-12-0 ... M Foster 88
102 13-6445 GOOD TONIC 13 (F,G,S) (Lady Wates) T Etherington 10-11-12 ... P Hide 91
103 P382-31 ALL JEFF 43 (F,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 9-11-12 ... M Berry (5) ⊕
104 113/2-0P TURNBERRY DAWN 114 (D,F,G) (Palladium Ltd) T Hallett 11-10-11 ... N Downs (5) 80
105 1222-32 CLEVER SHEPHERD 8 (D,F,G) (M Lechyar) P Hobbs 8-10-8 ... B Clifford 95
106 2-1035P SAM SHORROCK 14 (B,D,G) (D Travers-Clark) G Thorner 11-10-1 ... R Farrant 82
107 6-P1335 MISS FERN 36 (D,F,G,S) (Philpps, Duane & Company) R Dickin 8-10-1 ... D Meredith 92

BETTING: 7-4 Clever Shepherd, 5-2 All Jeff, 4-1 Cache Fleur, 9-2 Good Tonic, 10-1 Miss Fern, 25-1 others.

1992: SKINNHILL 8-11-10 M A Fitzgerald (5-2) T Thomson Jones 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

CACHE FLEUR 8l 3rd of 7 to Cogent in a chase at Wincanton on reappearance (2m 5f, good to soft). GOOD TONIC 13l 4th of 10 to For The Grain in a handicap chase here on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). ALL JEFF beat Glenbrook D'Or 1½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Haydock (4m 110yd, soft). CLEVER SHEPHERD 2l 2nd of 17 to Young Hustler in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft). MISS FERN ¾l 3rd of 9 to Neugal Rusie in an amateurs' handicap chase at Ludlow on penultimate start (3m, good).
Selection: CLEVER SHEPHERD

2.00 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,092: 2m) (12 runners)

201 2330-11 PEACEMAN 51 (D,S) (Sir Peter Gibbings) Mrs D Haine 7-11-4 ... E Murphy ⊕
202 ALAMIR 477F (R Tooth) N Henderson 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody —
203 0/ ALNASRIC PETE 101F (G Humphrey) G Humphrey 7-10-12 ... Peter Hobbs —
204 FILE VESTRY (The Jet Stationary Company Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12 ... M Pitman —
205 FULL OF TRICKS 591F (B White) M Madgwick 5-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald —
206 004 GREEN'S TRILOGY 16 (K Clutterbuck) K Clutterbuck 5-10-12 ... A Wingate (7) 83
207 05 OVER THE POLE 63 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 6-10-12 ... D Murphy 70
208 ROCK LEGEND 86F (J Sheehan) D Shaw 5-10-12 ... T Eley (5) —
209 06 SURE PRIDE 67 (J Smith (Chislehurst) Ltd) A Moore 5-10-12 ... G Moore 68
210 0320-25 TEXAN TYCOON 13 (Nossandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-10-12 ... J Osborne 97
211 U0 WILD AND LOOSE 41 (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-10-12 ... P Holley 91
212 5- YEOMAN WARRIOR 307 (Mrs H Alwen) R Rowe 6-10-12 ... T Grantham —

BETTING: 8-11 Texan Tycoon, 7-2 Peaceman, 5-1 Wild And Loose, 16-1 Alamir, Over The Pole, 25-1 others.

1992: SPINNING 5-11-2 J Frost (3-1) I Balding 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PEACEMAN beat Strong John 6l in an 11-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon last time out (2m 110yd, soft).
TEXAN TYCOON 15¾l 5th of 7 to Sun Surfer in the grade 1 Tolworth Novices' Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). Previously, neck 2nd of 18 to Dreamers Delight in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft), with WILD AND LOOSE beaten when unseating rider 2 out. WILD AND LOOSE 19l 7th of 9 to Sallo Love in the grade II Laurels Novices' Hurdle Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). YEOMAN WARRIOR 16¾l 5th of 19 to Riva in a National Hunt flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: TEXAN TYCOON

2.30 SUNBURY NOVICES CHASE (£3,054: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

301 02-3F11 COGENT 27 (D,F,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 9-11-11 ... S McNeill ⊕
302 210/0P CAPSIZE 60 (G) (F Hill) A Moore 7-11-4 ... G Moore —
303 1/311-PU TERAO 17 (D,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 7-11-4 ... P Scudamore —
304 3 ATROPOS 18 (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 5-10-7 ... G Bradley 52
305 40F333 TOP IT ALL 58 (G) (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 5-10-7 ... J Ryan (3) 52

BETTING: 1-2 Cogent, 11-4 Terao, 8-1 Atropos, 25-1 Top It All, 150-1 Capsize.

1992: CACHE FLEUR 6-11-4 P Scudamore (5-1) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

COGENT beat Milford Quay 7l in a 7-runner chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to soft). TERAO, yet to complete on two starts over fences, showed useful form in novice hurdles last season when beating Bishops Island 3½l in a 15-runner race at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, soft). ATROPOS 30l 3rd of 4 to Travado in a novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, soft). TOP IT ALL 15¾l 3rd of 10 to Ashfold Copse in a novice chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: COGENT

3.00 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,245: 2m) (6 runners)

401 12122-1 WHATEVER YOU LIKE 55 (D,G,S) (A Esoever) N Henderson 9-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 92
402 P1-F212 ALKINOR REX 14 (D,BF,G,S) (M Peralious) G Harwood 8-11-8 ... M Perrett ⊕
403 F-U3234 WELSH BARD 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 9-11-8 ... G Bradley 84
404 26-5821 BROUGHTON MANOR 27 (D,F,G,S) (W Cook) Mrs J Retter 8-10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald 94
405 25UF4U- MONTALINO 339 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Humphrey) G Humphrey 10-10-1 ... Peter Hobbs 82
406 11-3325 TOUCHING STAR 42 (D,F,G) (A Palmer) P Hobbs 8-10-0 ... M Hourigan (3) 88

BETTING: 2-1 Whatever You Like, 9-4 Alkinor Rex, 11-4 Broughton Manor, 5-1 Welsh Bard, 14-1 Touching Star, 25-1 Montalino.

1992: BANBRIDGE 9-11-2 R Bellamy (11-4) D Nicholson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHATEVER YOU LIKE beat WELSH BARD (4lb better off) 1½l in a 3-runner handicap chase at Warwick (2m, soft). ALKINOR REX neck 2nd of 5 to The Green Stuff in a handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, heavy).
BROUGHTON MANOR beat Carbonate 2½l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, good to soft). TOUCHING STAR 8l 2nd of 5 to Logamimo in a conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Aintree on penultimate start (2m, soft), with WELSH BARD (4lb better off) 7l 3rd.
Selection: BROUGHTON MANOR (nap)

3.30 WALTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,232: 2m) (11 runners)

501 41 INDIAN QUEST 34 (D,S) (J L Racing) N Gaselee 11-2 ... C Llewellyn 94
502 1 SCRUTINEER 20 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Nicholson 11-2 ... R Dunwoody 95
503 00 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 20 (S Lansdown) M Heaton-Ellis 10-10 ... B Powell 78
504 ELWAZIR 74F (R Fairlie) D Marks 10-10 ... S McNeill —
505 P GOLDEN SICKLE 8 (Mrs L Seale) M Ryan 10-10 ... R Campbell —
506 HOME COUNTIES 230F (Sheikh Ahmed Saeed Al Maktoum) N Henderson 10-10 ... C Swan —
507 F NIGHT CLUBBING 13 (Sheikh Essa Alkhalifa) R Akehurst 10-10 ... J Osborne —
508 60 NORDANSK 13 (D Knight) M Madgwick 10-10 ... G Moore —
509 12 HER HONOUR 13 (D,BF,S) (Mrs Alison C Farrant) M Pipe 10-5 ... P Scudamore ⊕
519 F5 SHARRIBA 13 (Non-Stop Promotions & Marketing Ltd) G Humphrey 10-5 ... A Webb 80
511 VANUATU 132F (Mrs J Ellis) T Thomson Jones 10-5 ... H Davies —

BETTING: 5-4 Scrutineer, 7-4 Her Honour, 6-1 Indian Quest, 14-1 Home Counties, 16-1 others.

1992: HASHAR 10-10 G Bradley (6-1) D Elsworth 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

INDIAN QUEST beat King's Treasure 6l in a 21-runner novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, soft). SCRUTINEER beat Great Max 2l in a 24-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft), with BROUGHTON'S TANGO (6lb better off) 11l 8th. NORDANSK 79l 13th of 17 to Kadi in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft), with NIGHT CLUBBING falling at the 3rd.
HER HONOUR ¾l 2nd of 13 to Suez Canal in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft), with SHARRIBA (7lb worse off) 11l 5th. Previously, beat In No Doubt 5l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft).
HOME COUNTIES showed smart form on the Flat in Ireland, winning at Naven (1m, yielding) in May. VANUATA is a sister to King George VI Chase runner-up Pat's Jester.
Selection: HER HONOUR

4.00 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,790: 3m 110yd) (14 runners)

601 51411-6 POSTAGE STAMP 14F (F,G) (P O'Donnell) J Pearce 5-12-0 ... J McLaughlin 85
602 5150-24 VICOMPT DE VALMONT 58 (B,G,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 8-11-7 ... R Dunwoody 85
603 3-23406 LESBET 10 (F) (Mrs L Carlson) C Wildman 8-11-6 ... P Holley 93
604 44D1/5P- TRUTH BE TOLD 384 (S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 9-11-4 ... D Murphy —
605 3130-14 EBONY GALE 18 (D,BF,S) (P Whelan) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 ... M Pitman 98
606 3F-61F0 EMERALD SUNSET 18 (D,G) (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 8-11-0 ... P Hide (5) 98
607 1-04343 SHADEUX 18 (F,S) (A Joynson) Mrs J Retter 7-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald ⊕
608 0420-PP SEA BUCK 25 (B,G,S) (C Beckle) G Balding 7-10-7 ... B Clifford (3) 97
609 56PPP-6 ENBORNE LAD 25 (B,G,S) (The Winch Racing Club) G Enright 9-10-6 ... M Perrett —
610 0-12 EARLY MAN 36 (S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 6-10-1 ... Peter Hobbs 98
611 0-31336 JADIDH 21 (V,G,S) (D Hazzard) Mrs J Dawe 5-10-0 ... N Dawe 94
612 04P-PP5 CHAMOIS BOY 80 (B,D,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 9-10-0 ... B Powell 74
613 65-5352 FIERCE 10 (BF,F) (P Piper) J Jenkins 5-10-0 ... M Ahern —
614 1/P45F-P LAABAS 21 (S) (J Nicholson) J Long 10-10-0 ... Leesa Long (7) 82

Long handicap: Chamois Boy 9-12, Fierce 9-10, Laabas 9-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Emerald Sunset, 4-1 Vicompt De Valmont, 6-1 Postage Stamp, 7-1 Ebony Gale, 8-1 Shadeux, 10-1 Early Man, 12-1 Truth Be Told, 14-1 others.

1992: HUGLI 5-9-7 W Marston (12-1) S Sherwood 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

POSTAGE STAMP 29¾l 6th of 11 to Boscean Chieftain in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft). EBONY GALE 8¾l 4th of 12 to Howaryadoon in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, soft), with EMERALD SUNSET tailed off 11th. Previously, beat Glebelands Girl 12l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, soft).
EMERALD SUNSET beat Maytair Minx 1l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (3m 110yd, good). SHADEUX 10¾l 3rd of 6 to Hawthorn Blaze in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, soft). SEA BUCK 2l 2nd of 11 to Castlebay Lad in a handicap hurdle at Towcester last season (3m 96yd, good to soft). EARLY MAN 1¼l 2nd of 11 to May-Day-Baby in a novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). FIERCE 12l 2nd of 5 to Super Sharp in a handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft).
Selection: SHADEUX

4.30 ASHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,092: 2m) (12 runners)

1 BEY D'AO 574F (M Humby) M Humby 5-10-12 ... S Hodgson —
2 0-003 CORACO 17 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 6-10-12 ... D Bridgwater —
3 0534/ GEBLITZT 822 (P Cook) J Long 9-10-12 ... R Rowell —
4 HOLD FAST 111F (J Reade) C Nash 5-10-12 ... J Kavanagh —
5 14P LEOTARD 13 (D,G) (C Heath) O Sherwood 6-10-12 ... J Osborne ⊕
6 22/2 MEL'S ROSE 20F (R Sabey) J Scargill 8-10-12 ... A Carroll 88
7 00 MORSHOT 16 (D Horton) C Brooks 6-10-12 ... G Bradley 62
8 036 ODILEX 92 (Mrs A Bradle) N Gaselee 6-10-12 ... C Llewellyn 88
9 PER QUOD 163F (Second Time Lucky Syndicate) N Henderson 8-10-12 ... R Dunwoody —
10 02P RUMBLE 18 (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 5-10-12 ... S McNeill 89
11 P WALLANGRIFF 73 (S Griffiths) D Cosgrove 5-10-12 ... R Beggan —
12 SINGING REPLY 25F (A Mazzola) D Marks 5-10-7 ... J McCarthy (7) —

BETTING: 1-2 Per Quod, 5-1 Leotard, 8-1 Mel's Rose, 12-1 Odilex, 16-1 Rumble, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

LEOTARD better of three efforts was when beating Glventime 8l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). MEL'S ROSE 2¼l 2nd of 8 to Corrie Hill in a novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f, soft). ODILEX 9¾l 6th of 14 to Sun Surfer in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good), with RUMBLE 12l 8th. RUMBLE 2l 2nd of 13 to Hymne D'Amour in a novice hurdle at Wolverhampton on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good to soft). PER QUOD high-class middle-distance Flat horse a couple of seasons ago. Put up his best recent effort when 5l 4th of 11 to Drum Taps in a group II race at San Siro in May (1m 7f, good to firm).
Selection: LEOTARD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Thomson Jones	9	21	42.9	J Kavanagh	4	13	30.8
O Sherwood	17	57	29.8	R Dunwoody	32	128	25.0
M Pipe	12	50	24.0	P Scudamore	15	73	20.5
N Henderson	16	68	23.5	J Osborne	18	94	19.1
G Harwood	4	18	22.2	M Pitman	6	33	18.2
Mrs J Pitman	9	50	18.0	M Perrett	8	59	13.6

Granville Again out of Haydock

GRANVILLE Again has been ruled out of tomorrow's Haydock Park Champion Hurdle Trial. Martin Pipe, his trainer, is sidestepping the grade two race, which is likely to feature Coulton, Gran Alba, Rodeo Star and Ruling.

"Granville Again doesn't go to Haydock. He's all right but I don't know where he will run now," Pipe said.

CATTERICK

MANDARIN
1.20 Uranus Collonges. 1.50 Alum Bay. 2.20 Ringmore. 2.50 Vienna Woods. 3.20 **PORTONIA** (nap). 3.50 Cool Dude.

THUNDERER
1.20 Uranus Collonges. 1.50 Eurotwist. 2.20 Dizzy Dealer. 2.50 Brandon Grove. 3.20 Portonia. 3.50 Gymcrak Stardom.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.20 STAYERS NOVICES CHASE (£2,588: 3m 1f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 4021 REBAN 45 (S) J Johnson 6-11-6 ... A Orkney
2 ANDRETTI'S HEIR P Beaumont 7-11-5 ... P A Farrell
3 4-54F COURSE OF ACTION 42 P Beaumont 8-11-5 ... Mrs A Farrell
4 4435 LAST OF THE FLIES 38 A Mactaggart 12-11-5 ... Mr D Mactaggart
5 0/3 NO MORE TRIX 42 (S) T Tate 7-11-5 ... B McCourt
6 /0F NO REPLY 14 Mrs H Bell 7-11-5 ... C Dennis (3)
7 0P56 SERGEANT SILVER 13 R Eckley 8-11-5 ... R Bellamy
8 -4PP TRENTSIDE VALOUR 10 C Smith 8-11-5 ... M Ranger
9 0-3F TRUELY ROYAL 20 J Charlton 9-11-5 ... B Storey
10 21 URANUS COLLONGES 41 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-5 ... M Dwyer
11 0/P3 VERY CHEERING 14 Mrs S Smith 10-11-5 ... A Larnach (5)
12 322P ZAM BEE 8 W Reed 7-11-5 ... T Reed
13 0/3-F COWGATE FOUNTAIN 62 (S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ... L Wyer
14 0643 DISTANT CHERRY 14 (V) D Lee 8-11-0 ... C Grant
15 P-5P FEELING ROSEY 36 (G,S) D Todd 11-11-0 ... K Jones
16 /PPF MISS TIMBER TOPPER 14 (F) Mrs V Aconley 9-11-0 ... C Woodall (7)

5-2 Uranus Collonges, 7-2 No More Trix, 5-1 Cowgate Fountain, 6-1 Regan, 8-1 Distant Cherry, 10-1 Truely Royal, 12-1 Zam Bee, 14-1 others.

1.50 MALTBY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,939: 2m) (21)

1 1 ALUM BAY 7 (D,G) N Tinkler 11-5 ... B McCourt
2 12 CO-CHIN 69 (BF,S) D Moffatt 11-5 ... D J Moffatt (5)
3 642 ABELONI 20 W Williams 10-12 ... D Bentley (5)
4 BEST GUN 78F W Elsey 10-12 ... J J Quinn
5 2 EUROTWIST 7F T Barron 10-12 ... A Maguire
6 00 HAUT-BRION 6 W Storey 10-12 ... K Doolan
7 JODY'S GAMBLE 192F G Moore 10-12 ... L Wyer
8 0 KINDA GROOVY 34 I Park 10-12 ... N Smith
9 0P LEADER SAL 125 J Wade 10-12 ... D Ryan (7)
10 6 LEONADIS POLK 185F J Johnson 10-12 ... A Larnach (5)
11 FP MILTON ROOMS 34 (V) D Garraton 10-12 ... D Byrne
12 PERSIAN LION 78F F Watson 10-12 ... A Merrigan
13 U005 ROLLING THE BONES 14 M Naughton 10-12 ... C Dennis (3)
14 0 RUSSIAN CASTLE 48 J Wade 10-12 ... K Jones
15 0 STACKHOUSE BOY 43 G Richards 10-12 ... N Doughty
16 TEMPLE GARTH J Johnson 10-12 ... A Orkney
17 THUNDERBIRD ONE 25F Denys Smith 10-12 ... C Grant
18 0 UCKERBY MOOR 8 W Barker 10-12 ... G Harker
19 UP EASTERN PHOEBE 16 R Barr 10-7 ... P Midgley (5)
20 03P PRIDE OF PENDLE 8 B Wilkinson 10-7 ... Mrs A Farrell
21 440 TITIAN GIRL 34 (B) Miss L Siddall 10-7 ... Mr A Thornton (5)

3-1 Eurotwist, 7-2 Alum Bay, 5-1 Co-Chin, 7-1 Abeloni, 8-1 Thunderbird One, 12-1 Titian Girl, Best Gun, 14-1 Stackhouse Boy, 16-1 others.

2.20 DINSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,264: 2m) (9)

1 330P ALDINGTON BELL 2 (B,F) C Tinkler 10-11-10 ... D Bentley
2 3340 GOOD SEOUL 10 K Morgan 9-11-9 ... R Davis
3 P320 RINGMORE 10 (CD,F,G,S) J Parkes 11-11-9 ... C Dennis
4 200P ENCHANTED MAN 25 (F,S) R Lee 9-11-6 ... R Greene
5 UU U5 DIZZY DEALER 10 Mrs J Jordan 6-11-0 ... S Taylor (4)
6 B36P DR JEKYLL 39 R Emery 8-11-0 ... P Ward (4)
7 484P OUR SURVIVOR 10 (B,F) M W Easterby 9-11-0 ... A Larnach
8 0U64 DINSDALE LAD 6 M Barnes 7-11-0 ... P Waggott
9 6F53 PANT LLIN 17 (F) F Jordan 7-11-6 ... P Williams

7-2 Pant Llin, 4-1 Dinsdale Lad, 9-2 Ringmore, 6-1 Good Seoul, Dizzy Dealer, 7-1 Aldington Bell, 10-1 Our Survivor, 12-1 others.

2.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,215: 2m) (16)

1 6012 SASKIA'S HERO 16 (CD,BF,S) J Bottomley 6-11-5 ... J J Quinn
2 AUBURN BOY M W Easterby 6-11-0 ... R Garritty
3 04-0 BITOFAMATTER 69 R Goldie 5-11-0 ... T Reed
4 1 BRANDON GROVE 16 (D) T Barron 5-11-0 ... A Maguire
5 2-30 DUNRAVEN BAY 41 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ... R Hodge
6 345 FOUR DEEP 14 J Johnson 5-11-0 ... A Orkney
7 0-00 GOODHEAVENS MRTONY 42 M Naughton 6-11-0 ... C Dennis (3)
8 20-0 MANOR RANGER 100 J Curtis 7-11-0 ... Mr M Mulligan
9 P- ORTON HOUSE 391 J Charlton 6-11-0 ... B Storey
10 0P-P SOVIET RUN 8 M Hammond 6-11-0 ... C Grant
11 P STRATHBOGIE MIST 8 J Parkes 5-11-0 ... N Smith
12 5PP0 STUDFORD 10 (B) M W Easterby 5-11-0 ... G McCourt
13 -460 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 13 (G) M H Easterby 5-11-0 ... L Wyer
14 U-04 TOPFORMER 41 F Watson 6-11-0 ... S Lyons (5)
15 11 VIENNA WOODS 45 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 ... M Dwyer
16 /PP- HEILEN LULLABYE 310 C Smith 7-10-9 ... M Ranger

2-1 Vienna Woods, 7-2 Brandon Grove, 4-1 Dunraven Bay, 5-1 Saskia's Hero, 7-1 Four Deep, 10-1 Toogood To Be True, 14-1 Manor Ranger, 16-1 others.

3.20 STOKESLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,184: 3m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 4111 PORTONIA 35 (C,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-7 ... J Codd (7)
2 -26P DAMERS CAVALRY 58 (V,F,G) R Lee 10-11-5 ... A Maguire
3 F1U5 DUBIOUS JAKE 6 (F,S) R Woodhouse 10-11-5 ... S Turner
4 P2F3 FOSBURY 76 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-11-3 ... J Burke (7)
5 2-P6 KILHALLON CASTLE 8 (G,S) G Richards 10-11-0 ... N Doughty
6 55PU HANDY TRICK 35 (B,F,G,S) Mrs H Bell 12-11-0 ... G McCourt
7 5-35 CAROUSEL ROCKET 6 (F,G,S) M Hammond 10-11-0 ... C Grant
8 11U6 MASTER CORNET 41 (C,F,G) B Rothwell 8-10-10 ... B Storey
9 31P- SHEPHERD'S HYMN 279 (C,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 12-10-9 ... P Midgley (5)
10 S213 BOW HANDY MAN 4 (C,D,G,S) Denys Smith 11-10-7 ... P Waggott (7)
11 6-22 CHOCTAW 51 (CD,F,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-3 ... Mrs A Farrell
12 P-P4 HOUXTY LAD 34 (C,G) J Charlton 7-10-2 ... NON-RUNNER

3-1 Portonia, 4-1 Bow Handy Man, 5-1 Kilhallon Castle, 6-1 Carousel Rocket, 7-1 Damers Cavalry, 8-1 Dubious Jake, 10-1 MasterCornet, 12-1 others.

3.50 LADBROKE LAST HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,162: 2m) (19)

1 3540 PERSUASIVE 13 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-12-0 ... Mr M Buckley (7)
2 10-0 FOX CHAPEL 8 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-11 ... M Dwyer
3 32-0 SRIVIJAYA 14 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-9 ... R Hodge
4 2-06 GYMCRAK STARDOM 13 (CD,G) M H Easterby 7-11-9 ... L Wyer
5 133- SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 277 (V,D,F,G,S) J Bottomley 9 11-1 ... J J Quinn
6 -F15 TAPATCH 20 (CD,F,G) G Moore 5-11-0 ... J Callaghan
7 0320 EDDIE WALSHE 14 (D,F) D Moffatt 8-10-11 ... D J Moffatt (5)
8 1200 REGENT LAD 25 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 9-10-10 ... A Maguire
9 P143 MR RENIER 45 (F,G,S) J Wade 5-10-10 ... D Ryan (7)
10 -411 COOL DUDE 35 (CD,S) J Johnson 7-10-9 ... A Orkney
11 -410 WHITEWEBB 44 (CD,G,S) B Murray 6-10-9 ... G McCourt
12 1346 ALWAYS READY 41 (D,G) R Lee 7-10-8 ... R Greene (3)
13 -048 TRANSMIT 4 (F,S) A Bailey 6-10-7 ... N Mann
14 415 COMSTOCK 8 (D,G) N Tinkler 6-10-6 ... C Grant
15 200- POP ABROAD 307 P Bevan 8-10-4 ... T Wall
16 U-00 EASBY MANDRINA 14 (D,G,S) S Kettlewell 6-10-3 ... N Bentley (3)
17 /02 PALMAS PRIDE 14 (D,G) M Hammond 6-10-0 ... D Bentley (5)
18 -00P JUST PULHAM 36 (D,S) S Payne 6-10-0 ... C Hawkins
19 20-3 BOLSHERI 8 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 ... R Collins (7)

5-1 Cool Dude, 6-1 Fox Chapel, 7-1 Srivijaya, 8-1 Comstock, 10-1 Gymcrak Stardom, 12-1 Tapatch, Always Ready, 14-1 Whitewebb, Mr Renier, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Lee, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; N Tinkler, 13 from 49, 26.5%; G Richards, 18 from 81, 22.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 19 from 92, 20.7%; J Johnson, 8 from 48, 16.7%; M Hammond, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: Mr M Buckley, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; R Hodge, 8 from 29, 27.6%; M Dwyer, 26 from 103, 25.2%; N Doughty, 16 from 65, 24.6%; G McCourt, 8 from 34, 23.5%; D Byrne, 9 from 51, 17.6%.

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GOING: STANDARD — SIS
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1.40 OYSTER CLAIMING STAKES (£2,448: 6f) (11 runners)

1 2-61 APPLEDORN 6 (CD,F,G) B McMahon 6-8-12 ... D Biggs 9
2 BUZBOUR D Chapman 5-8-9 ... S Wood 8
3 00-4 MARTINA 21 (F) J Wharton 5-8-8 ... J Williams 3
4 03-1 PRIME MOVER 18 (V,C,D) D Burchell 5-8-7 ... L Charnock 11
5 000- BRISAS 73 (B,CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 6-8-5 ... J Fanning 10
6 560- COURTING NEWMARKET 55 (D) Mrs A Knight 5-8-5 ... Dean McKeown 2
7 2-15 JUVENARA 7 (C,F) C Hill 7-8-5 ... J Quinn 4
8 50-5 FELSINA 7 W Storey 4-8-4 ... Alex Greaves 7
9 640- BLACK BOY 25 J Glover 4-8-3 ... T Williams 1
10 000- CHOICE LOT 25 (F) T Caldwell 6-8-3 ... D Wright (7) 6
11 045- CHERRYWOOD LASS 22 R Curtis 5-7-10 ... G Bardwell 5

11-8 Appledorn, 9-2 Martina, 6-1 Prime Mover, 10-1 Brisas, 12-1 Juvenara, 14-1 Courting Newmarket, 16-1 Black Boy, 25-1 others.

2.10 LOBSTER HANDICAP (£2,301: 7f) (8)

1 4-50 MAJAL 7 (D,F) J Wainwright 4-9-10 ... D Nicholls 3
2 05-2 EXPRESS SERVICE 7 W O'Gorman 4-9-8 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 7
3 660- AMETHYSTINE 31 (F,G) R Hodges 7-8-2 ... S Drowne (7) 1
4 00-0 WELLSY LAD 18 (CD,G) D Chapman 6-8-12 ... S Wood 8
5 00-4 PREDICTABLE 7 (CD,G) Mrs A Knight 7-8-8 ... Alex Greaves 4
6 30-3 KLAIROVER 7 (C,F) C Hill 6-8-6 ... J Quinn 6
7 000- BALLEY GOSSIP 51 R Brotherton 4-7-11 ... T Williams 5
8 05-0 BAYIN 13 M Usher 4-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 2

11-4 Express Service, 3-1 Wellsy Lad, 7-2 Predictable, 9-2 Amethystine, 5-1 Klairover, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; T Barron, 59 from 255, 23.1%; W O'Gorman, 34 from 160, 21.3%; Bob Jones, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Ryan, 11 from 68, 16.2%; C Hill, 15 from 93, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 57 winners from 220 rides, 25.9%; Emma O'Gorman, 28 from 160, 17.5%; N Day, 17 from 105, 16.0%; D Nicholls, 17 from 128, 13.3%; G Bardwell, 26 from 251, 10.4% (Only qualifiers).

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.40 Emperor Alexander. 3.40 School Of Science, Boulmerka.

2.40 CRAB HANDICAP (£2,516: 1m 4f) (16)

1 25-0 EMPEROR ALEXANDER 21 (B,G) N Smith 5-9-11 ... S D Williams (3) 16
2 50-4 CHEERFUL TIMES 4 (F,G,S) B McMahon 10-9-10 ... D Biggs 13
3 63-3 SILVER SAMURAI 18 (C,F,G) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-10 ... S Mulvey (7) 14
4 61-0 DIGGER DOYLE 20 (C) C Allen 4-9-10 ... Dean McKeown 7
5 350- BORING 55J (F) W Storey 4-9-5 ... S Webster 9
6 20-6 LATOUR 14 (S) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-1 ... D Nicholls 1
7 12-0 LA REINE ROUGE 7 (D) Mrs A Knight 5-9-0 ... J Quinn 10
8 404- THIN RED LINE 59J (E,F,G) J Jenkins 9-8-12 ... J Williams 8
9 18-3 TENDRESSE 14 (C,F,S) C Hill 5-8-11 ... G Bardwell 5
10 /0-5 FIT THE BILL 15 (S) C Tinkler 5-8-4 ... L Charnock 4
11 60-6 LIZZIE DRIPPIN 3 M Usher 4-8-4 ... W Woods 6
12 56-0 HOT PUNCH 18 P Calver 4-8-4 ... N Carlisle 3
13 /14- HEIR OF EXCITEMENT 326J (CD,F) A Strange 8-8-1 ... T Williams 15
14 00-0 KRONPRINZ 11 M Chapman 5-7-11 ... S Wood 12
15 040- ROYAL VERSE 22 (F) R Curtis 6-7-8 ... Dale Gibson 2
16 00-0 VAGUE NANCY 7 C Hill 5-7-8 ... D Wright (7) 11

4-1 Silver Samurai, 5-1 Emperor Alexander, 7-1 Latour, Lizzie Drippin, 8-1 Digger Doyle, 10-1 Hot Punch, La Reine Rouge, 12-1 Boring, Thin Red Line, 14-1 others.

3.10 SHARK HANDICAP (£2,217: 1m) (5)

1 121- AFRICAN CHIMES 51 (C,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 ... S D Williams (3) 2
2 80-5 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 11 (B,CD,F) B Wilkinson 5-9-6 ... J Fanning 4
3 60-1 NO SUBMISSION 11 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 7-8-12 (7ex) ... S Wood 5
4 6-03 BOY MARTIN 11 (B,F) S Kettlewell 4-8-7 ... S Webster 1
5 334- ULLADULLA 31 (BF) R Akehurst 4-8-2 ... J Quinn 3

9-4 No Submission, 11-4 African Chimes, 7-2 Martini Executive, 6-1 Ulladulla, 8-1 Boy Martin.

3.40 HALIBUT CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m) (12)

1 00-1 PERSIAN TRAVELLER 7 (C,F) T Fairhurst 8-12 ... D Nicholls 2
2 2-32 MISTER BLAKE 7 (B,C) W O'Gorman 8-10 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
3 MISS IN-A-BIT N Smith 8-9 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 3
4 0- GLOWING PATH 203 C Hill 8-4 ... D Biggs 12
5 3-48 MARK'S CLUB 11 (B,G) T Barron 8-4 ... Alex Greaves 1
6 010- HOTEL CALIFORNIA 109 (F) D Chapman 8-3 ... S Wood 5
7 000- SCHOOL OF SCIENCE 38 (B) M James 8-0 ... L Charnock 8
8 00-0 BOULMERKA 18 (B) B Cambidge 7-13 ... A Garth (5) 10
9 005- CIZARD 51 A Potts 7-13 ... N Carlisle 7
10 0- MRS SNUGGS 104 M Tompkins 7-11 ... S Mulvey (7) 6
11 600- DORAZINE 116 C Hill 7-9 ... J Quinn 4
12 LADY MAGADI C Allen 7-7 ... G Bardwell 11

15-8 Persian Traveller, 7-2 Mister Blake, 9-2 Mark's Club, 6-1 Hotel California, 20-1 Cizard, Dorazine, 25-1 School Of Science, 33-1 others.

4.10 OCTOPUS HANDICAP (£2,343: 1m 6f) (7)

1 -121 TEMPERING 4 (C,F) D Chapman 7-10-7 (7ex) ... S Wood 7
2 21-3 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 20 (CD,BF,F,G) Bob Jones 5-9-8 ... N Day 5
3 30-6 AUDE LA BELLE 7 (CD,F,G) Mrs A Knight 5-9-4 ... Dean McKeown 4
4 -421 SUBEMAR 7 (C,F) M Chapman 7-9-3 (7ex) ... D McCabe (7) 1
5 215- ISLAND BLADE 38 (CD,BF,F) R Akehurst 4-8-2 ... J Quinn 6
6 -133 BEDOUIN PRINCE 4 (CD) B Richmond 6-8-0 ... T Williams 2
7 36-3 SHAKINSKI 7 (V,C) M Ryan 4-7-13 ... D Biggs 3

3-1 Subemar, 7-2 Tempering, 9-2 Lookingforarainbow, 6-1 Bedouin Prince, 7-1 Shakinski, 8-1 Island Blade, Aude La Belle.

Pipe filly to give Triumph pointer

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Michael Phillips

THE Walton Novices' Hurdle at Kempton today comes under scrutiny in the hope that it might provide a clue to the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March.

In the circumstances, Scrutineer might be deemed an aptly-named winner of today's race.

While this former inmate of John Gosden's Newmarket stable should certainly go well following his winning start for David Nicholson at Newbury earlier this month, I prefer Martin Pipe's filly Her Honour.

Interestingly, they were rated almost equal after last year's Flat season had ended. Now over timber Scrutineer must concede Her Honour 11lb.

Her Honour is taken to pick up the winning thread again after being beaten half a length, somewhat disappointingly, at Warwick last time out. Previously she had won in a most authoritative manner at Haydock.

Well as Indian Guest should go following his victory at Nottingham in December, I also doubt whether he will manage such a big weight concession to Her Honour.

A disappointing aspect of the season has been the way that Her Honour's stable companion Terao has failed to adapt to chasing in view of the great promise he had displayed hurdling last season.

In the circumstances, one cannot look beyond **Cogent** as the winner of the Sunbury Novices' Chase.

A victory for **Whatever You Like** in the Easter Hero Handicap Chase should trigger a double for his trainer Nicky Henderson and jockey Richard Dunwoody, to be completed by **Per Quod** winning the second division of the Ashford Novices' Hurdle on his jumping debut.

A winner of a group three race on the Flat when the going was soft, Per Quod has jumped well in practice at Seven Barrows.

Having beaten a fitter Welsh Bard on his seasonal debut at Warwick in November, Katabatic's younger half-brother **Whatever You Like** can now give a repeat performance.

Finally, **Uranus Collonges** (1.20) and **Vienna Woods** (2.50) are taken to give Jimmy Fitzgerald's stable a double at Catterick, where **Portonia** is my nap to win the Stokesley Handicap Chase.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Taunton

Going: soft

1.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Land Of The Free (P Scudamore, 40-85 fav); 2, Eau D'Espoir (7-1); 3, River Orchid (9-1). 9 ran. 2l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £3.00. CSF: £3.85.

2.00 (2m 3f ch) 1, Dubacilla (S Burrough, 7-1); 2, The Sister (13-2); 3, Thatcher Rock (9-2). French Charmer 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 12l, 2½l. H Cole. Tote: £7.90; £2.40, £2.80, £1.80. DF: £20.60. CSF: £48.58. Tricast: £206.80.

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Valfinet (P Scudamore, 1-2 fav); 2, Song Of Sixpence (10-1); 3, Olveston (5-1). 7 ran. NR: Safisah. 10l, 12l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £3.60. DF: £6.60. CSF: £5.68. Tricast: £9.96.

3.00 (4m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Riverside Boy (P Scudamore, 9-4 fav); 2, Just So (6-1); 3, Cythere (17-2). 10 ran. Nk, 12l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £8.20. CSF: £14.68. Tricast: £85.45.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Goldingo (R Davis, 16-1); 2, Real Progress (8-1); 3, Benjamin (4-1). Tudor Fable 11-4 fav. 14 ran. ¾l, 7l. G Price. Tote: £11.50; £2.40, £2.40, £1.70. DF: £36.40. CSF: £129.22.

4.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, The Minder (D Salter, 7-1); 2, Sase Of Affairs (7-1); 3, Kytton Castle (25-1). Elite Reg 5-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Lackendara. 1½l, 2l. G Edwards. Tote: £8.40; £2.30, £3.10, £4.50. DF: £40.20. CSF: £58.34. Tricast: £1,106.65.

4.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Grouseman (R Dunwoody, 12-1); 2, Mulbank (9-2); 3, Zealous Kitten (15-2). South Sands 11-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Knights. 1l, 3½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £13.30; £4.20, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £30.50. CSF: £61.02. Tricast: £404.03.

Placepot: £57.20.

Ayr

Going: soft

1.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Brackenfield (R Hodge, 4-6 fav); 2, High Altitude (11-8); 3, Saintly Path (100-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 25l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.10, £4.50. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.57.

1.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, Folk Dance (N Doughty, 13-2); 2, Island Gale (10-1); 3, Kingsston (33-1). Night Guest 7-4 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 10l. G Richards. Tote: £6.40; £1.90, £1.80, £16.40. DF: £21.10. CSF: £56.61.

2.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Funny Old Game (B Storey, 66-1); 2, Bertie Boy (2-5 fav); 3, Treprain Law (6-1). 6 ran. 5l, sh hd. D McCune. Tote: £88.50; £21.60, £1.10. DF: £22.50. CSF: £91.14.

2.50 (2m hdle) 1, Only A Rose (D Wilkinson, Evens fav); 2, Milliyal (4-1); 3, Pass The Key (4-1). 5 ran. 15l, 2½l. C Thornton. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.79.

3.20 (2m ch) 1, Montpellier Lad (N Doughty, 10-11 fav); 2, Antonin (50-1); 3, Classic Minstrel (14-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 2l. G Richards. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £9.00. DF: £10.20. CSF: £18.81.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Ambleside Harvest (M Dwyer, 12-1); 2, The Green Fool (4-1); 3, Willie Sparkle (5-1). Dizzy 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 8l, 2½l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £13.90; £4.50, £2.00. DF: £18.40. CSF: £52.10.

Placepot: £74.30.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Munday Dean (D O'Sullivan, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Nearly Honest (33-1); 3, Rising Tempo (10-1). Pra Palm 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Hedgehopper, General Dixie. Nk, nk. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £5.80; £2.60, £2.50, £3.40. DF (winner or second with any other) £1.60. CSF: £72.64.

1.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Carlax (M Hoad, 7-2); 2, Gallant Effort (9-13 fav); 3, Albury Grey (14-1). 13 ran. NR: Decidedly Dutch, Panathinaikos, Himlaj. ¾l, dist. R Hoad. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.07.

2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Northern Village (A Dicken, 13-8 fav); 2, Fight To Win (15-2); 3, Sand-Doller (100-30). 7 ran. ¾l, 10l. S Dow. Tote: £2.50; £1.90, £4.40. DF: £12.20. CSF: £12.69.

2.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Crown Baladee (H Davies, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Shimmering Scarlet (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Spartan Dream (33-1). 8 ran. 8l, dist. M Usher. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.10, £15.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £6.71. Tricast: £91.30.

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Alreef (Mr A Thornton, 11-10 fav); 2, Straight Laced (6-1); 3, Obotov (66-1). 7 ran. NR: Kalamoss. 5l, 30l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £5.40. CSF: £8.20. Tricast: £242.11.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Victory Anthem (I Lawrance, 4-1); 2, Absent Relative (11-4 fav); 3, Faynaz (7-2). 6 ran. NR: Zulu. 6l, 12l. P Clarke. Tote: £13.40; £3.30, £1.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £14.57.

4.10 (2m hdle) 1, Lyn's Return (S Smith Eccles, 11-8 fav); 2, Red Ink (7-1); 3, Red Bean (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Royal Circus. 5l, 2l. R Simpson. Tote: £1.60; £1.50, £3.40. £1.60. DF: £66.20. CSF: £12.26.

Placepot: £12.60.

□ Valfinet, a winner at Taunton yesterday, is among 41 entries for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury next month.

King plots Tranmere's crowning glory

Ian Ross profiles the clown prince carrying Merseyside's football hopes into the fourth round of the FA Cup tomorrow


COLIN LANE

Field of dreams: King, the Tranmere manager, plans during a quiet moment in training yesterday

LIKE all good raconteurs, John King has a voracious appetite for the seemingly inconsequential. The Tranmere Rovers manager likes nothing better than to share an anecdote, and his sense of theatre and timing are such that his humour often appears to be instinctive rather than premeditated.

Perhaps his favourite tale of the moment is the one about his chairman, Peter Johnson, who approached him in 1987 and demanded, tongue in cheek, that he guide the club into the first division within five years. Despite the freshness of its delivery, King, 55, must have recounted the story a hundred times, and yet there is still more than a hint of a smile hanging on his lips as he rattled out the punchline.

"I've done it; we are in the first division. It's not my fault they changed all the names around to accommodate the Premier League, is it?" he asks before dissolving into laughter.

FA CUP

King breathes new life into tired yarns with the same ease as he refreshes the jaded palates of players whose desire for a fresh challenge takes them back to Merseyside. John Aldridge, Pat Nevin and Neil McNab are three who spring to mind.

At present, King is overseeing the metamorphosis of one of the most respected clubs outside the Premier League; one that, in football terms, promotes purity of thought and deed simply because it has been fashioned in the image of its manager.

It was not always so: on the day King accepted his chairman's light-hearted challenge, Tranmere were teetering on the brink of extinction. "When I was appointed manager in April 1987, we were desperately close to the foot of the fourth division and had six games to avoid the drop down into the GM Vauxhall Conference," King said.

"It went right to the last weekend. We had to beat Exeter City at Prenton Park on the Friday night to guarantee survival. We did. Burnley defeated Leyton Orient the following day to stay up and it was Lincoln City who fell through the trap-door. I think it is fair to say that the transformation that has taken place here is one of the wonders of the modern footballing world."

King is prone to play down his role in the rise and rise of the Birkenhead club but as he studiously prepares for the FA Cup fourth-round tie at home against Ipswich Town tomorrow, Tranmere stand in second place in the first division, a testimony to his managerial skills and business acumen.

King is wise enough to know that success in sport can be a transient thing. "We have done well in climbing from the foot of the fourth division to the top of what I still regard as the second division," he said. "Yes, this is a serious business but you must enjoy your work. We have done that."

No conversation with King could be complete without the occasional seafaring analogy, initially the source of much unintentional mirth but now his trademark.

"The misfortunes that have befallen Everton and Liverpool of late means an intensification of the spotlight which we have grown accustomed to these past two seasons," he said. "People talk of a shift in the balance of power in this region, but those two are battleships and we are a submarine still striving to break through to the surface.

"To compare us to those two is silly. I will just be happy to be able to rub shoulders with them in the Premier League if we make it. It is a long journey in a rough sea and if your crew doesn't work together you will sink," he added.

Like everyone else connected with the good ship Tranmere, King is fulsome in his praise of his chairman. Johnson has been likened to a knight in shining armour after several others — notably the San Francisco lawyer, Bruce Osterman — had failed.

A former season ticket-older at Anfield who built his fortune around a Christmas hamper business, Johnson rescued Tranmere in March 1987, when he bought Osterman's majority shareholding for around £250,000.

"Neither Peter nor myself had any direct experience of running a football club and that was possibly our greatest strength, because we found ourselves looking at things clinically," said Frank Corfe, the Tranmere vice-chairman and honorary chief executive, who negotiated the takeover.

Plans to transform an already tidy and functional ground into a 24,000 all-seat stadium are well advanced and victory tomorrow would see the club move into the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time since 1968. Their task will be hampered by absent forwards — Aldridge is suspended and his understudy, Ian Muir, has an ankle injury and is undergoing intensive treatment. King, naturally, remains confident.

"I am hoping that Ipswich are a little concerned about having to come up here," he said. "I have been trying to make Tranmere as it was during the days when I was a player in the Sixties. I want the opposition to be frightened at the prospect of playing us; I want them to believe they are going to get battered."

CRICKET

Border is on edge with cherished goals in his sights

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

ALLAN Border's combustible mood this week in Adelaide tells of a man who is being dealt the good cards all in one hand and suspects a plot. Here he stands, a world record and an abiding ambition there to be realised in a single Test match. The strain of destiny is showing.

The Australia captain has achieved most things this game can offer but has never won a series against West Indies. It is, indeed, 17 years since such a result occurred but if Australia, one up with two to play, can win the Test that starts here tomorrow, the wait will be over.

Border also needs the trifling matter of 69 runs to overhaul Sunil Gavaskar's career aggregate of 10,122 and become the highest scorer in Test history. Yesterday, he was as keen to discuss that as he was to debate the merits of the opposition.

"I'm not bothered about what the Windies do, mate," he rebuked a television interviewer. "I'm only interested in my team."

What followed was a rant about the media in general for, in Border's view, being myopic about this series. Those who have toured Australia before will nod resignedly and assume another outbreak of parochialism, yet Border was in fact complaining that the local press has taken up cudgels for West Indies.

Whether or not the sun had gone to the captain's head — the forecast is for a Fahrenheit century when the game begins — it is a fact that West Indies are creating a more favourable image in adversity than some of their predecessors did when winning everything in sight.

Two years ago, when these teams last met, any cordiality had long gone by this stage of the contest. The bad blood was such that, in a book Craig McDermott, the Australian fast bowler, recalls: "I have never, before or since, encountered so much personal hostility on the field." However, when the teams met at practice yesterday, handshakes and smiles were the currency, not curses and glares.

This reflects generously on Richie Richardson, who has inherited a team in transition and is determined to make it a cheerful one. There is laughter in the side once more, and a sense of fun.

Nobody, however, is mistaking all this for defeatism. One-day form does not automatically translate to the real thing.

But there was a compelling impetus to West Indies' 2-0 victory in the World Series Cup final last weekend and Richardson, sensing the moment, is reverting to the time-honoured policy of four fast bowlers for this match.

Curtly Ambrose will be the spearhead and on him rests a heavy burden. At 29, he is reckoned by his team to be bowling better than ever. If he produces figures to match his form, so the theory goes, the sides will travel on, all-square, for the final Test on a bouncy Perth pitch which ought to suit West Indies.

Australia, with Boon fit after a hamstring strain, seem sure to include two spin bowlers, Shane Warne and Tim May, on a surface that has turned, albeit slowly, all summer.

Border's team have not lost a Test at home for four years, since West Indies were last here, and they have the buoyancy and the personnel to maintain that sequence through this traditional Australia Day fixture.

And then, of course, there is the run record to savour. Pressed to speak of it, Border conceded: "I would like to do it in Australia and it would be nice if it happened this week. Just to get it out of the way, you know." You sense it might mean a little more to him than that.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, D C Boon, S R Waugh, M E Waugh, D R Martyn, I A Healy, M G Hughes, T B A May, S K Warne, C J McDermott, A I C Dodemaide.

WEST INDIES (from): R B Richardson (captain), D L Haynes, P V Simmons, B C Lara, K L T Arthurton, C L Hooper, J C Adams, I J R Murray, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, A C Cummins, B P Patterson.

RUGBY UNION

Welsh to consider next move

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Welsh and Scottish rugby unions expressed disappointment yesterday that England's players had rejected the participation agreement drawn up by the four home unions before the start of this season's five nations' championship.

The matter will undoubtedly be raised at the next meeting of the home unions committee, but suggestions that places in the respective international teams hinge on signing the agreement can be discounted, even though Denis Evans, the secretary of the WRU, hinted at such a move.

"At the last meeting of the four home unions' working party on amateurism, at which the common code of conduct was agreed, it was also confirmed ... that players who would not sign the code would not be picked," Evans said. "England have obviously not followed this course of action and we now have to consider our next step."

However, Air Commodore Bob Weighill, the four home unions committee secretary, said his committee had no power over selection and the question of sanctions had not come into the reckoning. The purpose of the new agreement was to try and ensure fair treatment for all players in Britain and Ireland in any commercial dealings.

GOLF: RYDER CUP CAPTAINS WANT NO REPEAT OF EXCESSIVE FERVOUR

US accused of having unfair advantage

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

WINSTON Churchill at his most pugnacious glared down from the wall at Wentworth yesterday as Bernard Gallacher, Europe's Ryder Cup captain, officially launched the build-up to the match against the United States at The Belfry in September. Outside, Nick Faldo, Europe's No. 1, was preparing for the year ahead by hitting common-or-garden yellow range balls in an uncommon manner.

"It's a very important year for European golf," Gallacher said. "It's an important year for American golf and it's an important year for the Ryder Cup. We expect to win and I hope we do."

Gallacher was not, however, issuing a call to arms. He wanted no recurrence of the excesses of patriotic fervour that flourished at Kiawah last time. He noted that Tom Watson, the US captain, seemed to be letting his players know he expected their conduct to be a little more restrained this year.

"At Kiawah, some of their players were really wound up," Gallacher said. "They exploded and it made the Americans supporters more vociferous. I think our crowds have always been fair. I wouldn't like to hear our team chanted on to the green. There's no place in golf for that."

Not surprisingly, Gallacher did not agree with Watson's contention that the Americans would have the stronger team, but Ken Schofield, executive director of the European tour, was in no doubt the opposition enjoyed one big, patently unfair, advantage.

"European golf's major problem is that so few of our players can compete in the major championships in America," he said. "It's a dreadful negative and perhaps only two thirds of Bernard's team will have been exposed to more than one major this year. The Americans will probably have played in four and experienced that step-up in the cauldron of pressure."

Schofield cited the invitations to this year's Masters at Augusta. "I find it unbelievable that Barry Lane, who won in Europe, and Vijay Singh, who won four times around the world last year, were not invited. Ronan Rafferty would have had to top the order of merit to get in, yet anyone winning one event on the US tour is invited."

Five Europeans — Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros, Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam — are invited to Augusta in perpetuity, as former champions. Colin Montgomerie qualified because he was third in the US Open at Pebble Beach, but Anders Forsbrand and José María Olazábal were the only two Europeans not otherwise qualified deemed worthy of an inivitation.

All Ryder Cup matches since 1983 have been close and Gallacher expects this year to be no different. He thinks his team will contain a few new faces.

Thompson returns to take place in fast lane

THE mischievous grin that lit up two Olympic Games was as broad as ever. Daley Thompson could barely hide his delight yesterday as he stepped out of the cockpit of the racing car he hopes will revive his career on a different kind of track (Kevin Eason writes).

The double Olympic decathlon gold medal-winner has been signed up by Peugeot to drive in the group N National Saloon Car Cup this year — 14 rounds of some of the most competitive racing available for any driver, never mind a novice with only one previous race to his credit.

Even Thompson — who retired from athletics last year after a long run of injury — is daunted by the prospect, he admitted at Silverstone yesterday where he showed off his new car at the school run by John Watson.

Thompson is taking lessons from Rob Gravett, the former British touring car champion, who will be driving the new Peugeot 405 Mi16 in the increasingly popular group A two ring car series. Insiders at Silverstone who have been teaching and watching Thompson say he is already logging competitive lap times two months before his first race, which will be held there on March 21.

Thompson, 34, has no ambition to follow Nigel Mansell into Formula One. He is too big to fit into a cramped single-seat car anyway, he reckoned yesterday. But he would like promotion into the hotly contested televised touring car series.

Peugeot would like that, too. A company spokesman said: "If he can prove himself at group N then group A and touring cars beckon."


Thompson: new direction

RUGBY LEAGUE

Australians tell Wigan not to travel

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WIGAN are considering an appeal against yesterday's decision by the organisers of the World Sevens to bar them from defending the title in Sydney next month.

It was Wigan's announcement that they would be sending a largely reserve squad that infuriated the organising committee, which first warned the Lancashire club that it would not be invited back in 1994, before deciding to scratch it from the event, which runs from February 5 to 7.

The call from Australia telling Wigan not to make the trip was taken by Jack Robinson, the club chairman, minutes after the Rugby Football League (RFL), which nominated the club as England's representatives, had urged Wigan to strengthen the original ten-man squad.

Geoff Prenter, the tournament organiser, said Wigan's side was an insult from a proud club, which should be playing a big role in the development of the game.

Wigan chose to give priority to an important Stones Bitter championship fixture against Bradford Northern on February 7.

The RFL had earlier ruled that this game could not go ahead unless Wigan sent a stronger line-up to Australia. Both matters will be discussed today at a meeting of the league's appeals board.

Chance to win trip to Madras Test

The Times and Sky Sports have combined to offer a VIP trip for two to India for the second Test match against England in Madras next month, as a prize for a special competition.

The trip, for the winner and a guest of his or her choice, includes international and domestic flights with Air India; the best available tickets on every day of the match; day room at the Airport Centaur Hotel, Delhi, during transit on February 10; six nights bed and breakfast at the Park Sheraton Hotel, Madras; and transfers, by air-conditioned mini-bus, between the airport, hotel and the Chidambaram stadium, where the match is being played.

Madras was the venue of India's first Test victory over England 50 years ago and the pitch there, with its even pace and bounce, produces some of the most vibrant cricket in India. That, and the passion for Test cricket of the Madras crowd, will be evident from Sky Sports' coverage this winter. Sky has secured exclusive rights to televise live, for the first time, England's tour of India, with ball-by-ball coverage of the three Tests and six one-day international matches.

For the chance to experience first hand the drama and atmosphere of England playing in India next month, study the three questions. Telephone your answers to the number given, with your name, address and daytime telephone number, by 9am on Tuesday, January 26. The first correct entry selected will win this exciting prize. The winner's name will be published on Wednesday, January 27.

SKY SPORTS

Question 1

At Madras in 1985, who became the first pair of batsmen to score double-centuries in the same England Test innings?

Question 2

Which current Indian batsman scored centuries in each of his first three Test matches against England in 1984-5?

Question 3

How many wickets did England take on the second day of the fifth Test at Madras in 1981-2?

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6.00 Business Breakfast (79667) **7.00 Breakfast News** (62647939)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9911261) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (3013803)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4539025) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (s) (2189754)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes showbusiness news, weekend shopping advice, a romantic story, a veterinary phone-in and consumer affairs (s). With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (84224091)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (3256261) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (24920193)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton (Ceefax) Weather (13938)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (58768822) **1.50 Eldorado** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (89039826)
2.20 First Letter First. Word game show hosted by Don Maclean (s) (54149629) **2.45 The Flying Doctors.** Drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (5335209)
3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (7578464) **3.45 Juniper Jungle** (s) (8475880) **3.50 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (s) (7485700) **4.05 Jackanory.** Lesley Vickerage with the last part of Anne Fine's story *The Angel of Nitshill Road* (s) (9467377) **4.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs.** Animation (5034803) **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** Lively nature programme presented by Terry Nutkins, Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan. (Ceefax) (s) (3803006)
4.55 Newsround Extra: The Dancing Bears of Europe. Terry Baddoo reports on the campaign to rescue performing bears from a life of suffering in Greece and Turkey (6764396) **5.05 Grange Hill.** Comprehensive school drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (3375754)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (350261). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando. (Ceefax) Weather (551)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (803). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (7822)
7.30 Entertainment Express. Showbusiness and media magazine presented by Selina Scott. (Ceefax) (777). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 Your Best Shot. Family entertainment consisting of odd challenges, presented by Marti Caine (Ceefax) (s) (667261)
8.50 Points of View. Anne Robinson with another collection of viewers' letters (s) (417483)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7613)



Marriage vows: Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker (9.30pm)

9.30 Love Hurts. Romantic drama starring Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker as a mismatched couple who keep falling in and out of love. This week they are in Russia and thrown together in unusual circumstances. (Ceefax) (s) (112939)
10.20 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. Tonight's guests include singer Lulu and comedienne Jo Brand (s) (475984). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box
11.00 Film: Surviving (1985) starring Ellen Burstyn. Harrowing drama about a suicide pact made by a teenaged couple and the effect that it has on their families. Directed by Waris Hussein (69978358). Northern Ireland: 11.10 Entertainment Express 11.40 Terry Wogan 12.20am-1.50 Film: The Sender
1.20am Weather (2658781)

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BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (4104919) **8.15 Westminster** (9568629)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational Programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (90787396)
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. World Cup Skiing: the women's downhill from Haus, Austria; Indoor Hockey: highlights of the Glenfiddich international tournament from Glasgow; Football: a preview of this weekend's FA Cup fourth round ties. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** (417754) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9720777)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths (s) (716)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Shyama Perera's guests include Dr Anthony Clare and Spike Milligan who will be talking about their book *Depression and How to Survive It* (s) (700)
5.00 Top Gear. Tiff Needell learns how to race a truck round the Brands Hatch track; and Jeremy Clarkson drives two cars owned by Hitler and Mussolini (r) (6930613)
5.10 Horizon: TB — the Forgotten Plague. A repeat of Monday's programme on the threat to public health posed by the resurgence of tuberculosis. (Ceefax) (6359735)
6.00 Stingray. Classic puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (937822)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Spoof secret agent adventures starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (721087)
7.15 Dr Who. Part three of *The Genesis of the Daleks,* starring Tom Baker (r). (Ceefax) (779700)
7.40 What the Papers Say presented by Callum Macrae of *The Observer* (200735)
8.00 Public Eye: Right Fighters. In this week's edition of the current affairs magazine Sarah Spiller investigates the activities of right-wing extremists (8984)
8.30 Front Gardens presented by Gay Search. This week Ryl Nowell creates a picturesque cottage garden. (Ceefax) (7349)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. More streetwise philosophy from the sometimes incomprehensible Glaswegian. Starring Gregor Fisher (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1483)



Funding neglected British composers: Phil Lesh (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: The Grateful and the Dead.
● CHOICE: Jeremy Marre's intriguing documentary reveals how a Californian rock band has become the unlikely benefactor for a raft of neglected British composers. The late Havergal Brian and Bernard Stevens, and the living Robert Simpson, Michael Finnissy and Chris Dench, have all received financial help from The Grateful Dead, a product of the flower power era and still America's top touring band. Bass player Phil Lesh explains: "Because our music is so lucrative, we want to support music which isn't." But there is more to it than that. Lesh is determined to break down barriers between pop and classical. He also sees Brian, Stevens, Simpson and company as fellow outsiders. The Grateful Dead's funding, for recordings and new commissions, is admirably altruistic and until this film, at least, done without publicity (89464)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (916957) **11.15 Weather** (682268)
11.20 Heimat (colour and b/w).
● CHOICE: Edgar Reitz's epic drama is one of the outstanding television achievements of the 1980s. The size of the project, 16 hours of screen time and 140 speaking roles, is impressive enough. But Reitz provides quality as well as size, enriching a soap opera format with depth of character and attention to detail. *Heimat,* which roughly translates as homeland, is effectively a dramatic microcosm of 20th-century German history. The narrative runs from 1919 to 1982 and shows the impact of momentous national events, such as the collapse of the mark, the rise of Hitler and the second world war, on a fictional Rhineland village. For authenticity, Reitz cast local actors and non-professionals rather than stars. As the pivotal character Marita Breuer has to age more than 60 years and does so with conviction (r) (863261) Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.50-1.50 Heimat
1.20am Behind the Headlines. As 4.30pm (2992897). Ends at **1.55**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Eamonn Holmes and Anne Davies. Includes Gary Bushell of *The Sun's* weekend television preview (8909280)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game hosted by Richard Madeley (9581261) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2165174)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion programme (6386325)
10.35 This Morning. Daily magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes an item on alternative therapies and interior design tips. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (64819990)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppet series (s) (9591174)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (4657993) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (64586280)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (755396) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (754667)
2.15 Life Goes On. American family drama serial (s) (5138209)
3.10 ITN News headlines (9041754) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9040025) **3.20 Blockbusters.** Bob Holness with another round of the teenagers' general knowledge quiz (s) (6056795)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (9155716) **3.55 Zzzap!** Television comic (9929193) **4.15 Talespin.** Animated adventures (r) (8167984) **4.40 Eye of the Storm.** Children's ecological drama. (Teletext) (5209290)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3369193)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Teletext) Weather (984377)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (21396)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse is joined by Frank Bruno, Harry Carpenter, Gorden Kaye, Lisa Maxwell, Bradley Walsh, Richard Digance, Ellie Laine, Dennis Taylor and Terry Alderton (s) (2990)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (483)
8.00 The Bill: On the Cards. WDC Martella is upset when she is taken off a murder enquiry to follow up a malicious telephone call. Her investigations turn up a link between the two cases. (Teletext) (8938)
8.30 Second Thoughts. A combination of boyfriend trouble and unemployment leaves Hannah blue. Meanwhile Bill is trying to cope with troubles of his own. Starring James Bolam, Lynda Bellingham and Julia Sawalha. (Teletext) (s) (7445)

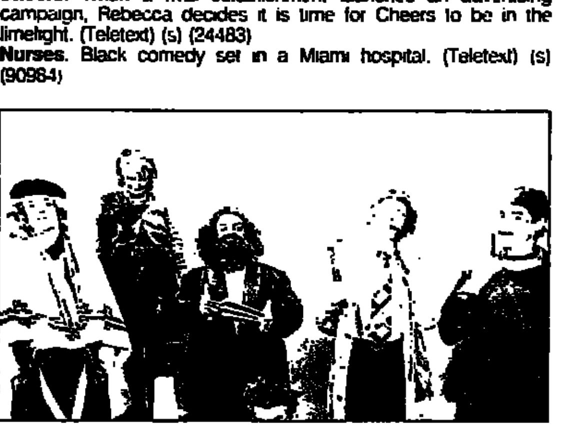


Chalk and cheese: Nigel Havers and Keith Barron (9.00pm)

9.00 The Good Guys. Comedy drama starring Nigel Havers and Keith Barron as two men called Guy sharing an apartment and life's adventures. (Teletext) (s) (4087)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (92342) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (827193)
10.40 Love and War. American romantic comedy starring Jay Thomas and Susan Dey as opposites who become attracted to each other (319483)
11.05 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips investigates the acute shortage of cemeteries in the capital (190071)
11.35 TV Dating! Matchmaking service for singles (119957)
12.05 The ITV Chart Show (s) (1925830)
1.05 Whale On. James Whale chairs a discussion on whether or not the laws of prostitution should be abolished (9162168)
2.10 American Gladiators. Studio contests of strength and skill (s) (3737217)
3.05 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Movie news (96526)
3.40 Austin City Limits. Country music series (4625859)
4.40 Riviera. Glamorous French soap about an aristocratic family in the perfume business (4012217)
5.30 ITN Morning News (27878). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (2167629)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (96261) **9.00 You Bet Your Life.** American game show (s) (82919)
9.30 Schools (467087)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins with news from both Houses (95483)
12.30 Sesame Street (98919) **1.30 Lift Off** (93290)
2.00 Film: Confession (1937, b/w) starring Kay Francis, Ian Hunter and Basil Rathbone. A courtroom drama about a cabaret singer on trial for the murder of a pianist who was having an affair with her daughter. A scene by scene re-make of the 1936 German film *Mazurka.* Directed by Joe May (316071)
3.35 Film: Yours Sincerely (1933, b/w) A musical short starring Lanny Ross and Richard Keene (8337434)
4.00 Travelog. Pete McCarthy and Paul Rambali visit Brittany and the Loire valley (r). (Teletext) (s) (984)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (396)
5.00 Cutting Edge. A repeat of Monday's programme about the work of the fraud squad. (Teletext) (s) (9803)
6.00 Blossom. Comedy about a teenaged girl in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (261)
6.30 Happy Days. Henry Winkler stars as the super-cool Fonzie. (Teletext) (613)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (386358)
7.50 First Reaction The Reduced Shakespeare Company bids farewell to George Bush and welcome Bill Clinton (s) (824984)
8.00 In Search of Holy England. Rabbi Lionel Blue explores the horrors of English religious history (r). (Teletext) (9280)
8.30 Brookside. Merseyside soap (Teletext) (s) (5087)
9.00 Gardens Without Borders.
● CHOICE: In a gentle, unassuming series hosted by Alan Mason, British gardening enthusiasts wander round France looking at other people's gardens and hoping to pick up ideas. The venture gets off to an unpromising start at Roscoff on the north-west coast where the Jardin Exotique signally fails to live up to its adjective. Despite the best efforts of the local green fingers, this rocky outcrop is not so much exotic as cold and bleak. Even Mason, a man usually free with his superlatives, calls it a moonscape. There is better luck in Trequier where one Prince Peter Wolkonsky, an architect and painter of Russian origin, has created a garden of unmitigated delight. Mason is so impressed that he says fabulous twice. The prince is 91 but hardly looks it. (Teletext) (s) (6551)
9.30 Cheers. When a rival establishment launches an advertising campaign, Rebecca decides it is time for Cheers to be in the limelight. (Teletext) (s) (24483)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s) (90984)



Sketchy humour: the comedy team stands in line (10.30pm)

10.30 Absolutely.
● CHOICE: The comedy sketch series is back, written and performed by the now familiar team of five chaps and Morwenna Banks. It is a show that defeats easy judgments since humour, like beauty, is so much in the eye of the beholder. One person's hilarity is another's stony face. But no one will dispute that the items have the virtue of brevity, so that the stronger ones make their impact quickly and the weaker ones fail to outstay their welcome. No one, either, will argue with the range of subject-matter, which takes in topical satire, a running gag about an operatic tractor driver and a hospital sketch with a surreal punchline. Some of the material is lavatorial, literally so, and abuse can be a substitute for wit. In other ways, oddly, the appeal is traditional, with references to Margaret Rutherford, Vivien Leigh and the Lunts (s) (331716)
11.05 The Word. Style magazine for young trendies (s) (965532)
12.10am Film: Night of the Ghouls (1960, b/w) starring Duke Moore and Paul Marco. B-movie schlock horror about a fake mystic who persuades the gullible he can bring the dead back to life. Directed by Edward D. Wood Jr (2946385)
1.25 American Football: Play Action (8992946). Ends at **1.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6056795) **5.10-5.40** The Package Pilgrims (3369193) **6.00** Home and Away (931648) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (622377) **10.40** Anglia Live (864803) **11.45** Married with Children (334193) **12.10-1.05** American Gladiators (1941878) **2.05** Raw Power (3738946) **3.05** Entertainment UK (8701472) **4.00** Sportsworld (66611491) **4.30** Riviera (50255) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (21255)

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As London except: **1.45** One to One (754667) **2.15-3.10** Donahue (5138209) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6056795) **6.00** Lookaround (919) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (241) **10.40** See That's Her (172980) **11.40** Island Son (491342) **12.35-1.05** Love at First Sight (1370168) **2.05** Raw Power (3738946) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5344101) **4.00** Sportsworld (65236) **4.30** Riviera (50255) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (21255)

CENTRAL

As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (755396) **1.45** Home and Away (754667) **2.15-3.10** McCloud (5138209) **3.20-3.50** GP (6056795) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (3369193) **6.00** Home and Away (931648) **6.25-7.00** Central News (622377) **10.40** Central Weekend (9720613) **12.10-1.55** Film: Bellamy — Massage Girl Murders (839255) **2.55** The Beat (4286120) **3.55** The Twilight Zone (86350149) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (4723859)

GRANADA

As London except: **1.15** A Country Practice (755396) **1.45** Home and Away (754667) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (5138209) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6056795) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (3369193) **6.00** Home and Away (919) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (241) **10.40** Up Front (172990) **11.40** Film: She Cried Murder (863735) **1.00-1.05** Night Shift (2680385) **2.05** Night Beat (3738946) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5344101) **4.00** Sportsworld

HTV WEST

As London except: **1.45** Wish You Were Here..? (754667) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (5138209) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6056795) **6.00** HTV News (919) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (241) **10.40** Late and Live (9720613) **12.10-1.05** Miller and Mueller (1941878) **2.05** Raw Power (3738946) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5344101) **4.00** Sportsworld (65236) **4.30** Riviera (50255) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (21255)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: **6.00** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Storyline **11.10-12.10** Island Son

MERIDIAN

As London except: **2.15** Future Perfect (746648) **2.45-3.10** Wish You Were Here..? (7595613) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6056795) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (21396) **10.40** Film: A Stranger Waits (Suzanne Pleshette, Tom Atkins) (53035025) **12.25-1.05** Married...with Children (5492101) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2013439) **2.35** Cue the Music (4282304) **3.30** Sport AM (97894) **4.30** Country Ways (50255) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (21255)

TYNE TEES

As London except: **1.45-3.10** Film: Once a Hero (8147700) **3.20** The Young Doctors (6056795) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (919) **6.30-7.00** The Friday Documentary (241) **10.40** Head to Head (309006) **11.40-1.05** Film: How Awful About Allan (863735) **2.05** The Big E (3740781) **3.00** Film: A Time to Triumph (743491) **4.40** Terrorvision (65033323) **5.05-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (3651965)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: **1.45** Blockbusters (754667) **2.15** Wish You Were Here..? (746648) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (7595613) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (6056795) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (21396) **10.40** Westwise (309006) **11.15-1.05** Film: Sadette (158483) **2.05** Raw Power (3738946) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5344101) **4.00** Sportsworld (65236) **4.30** Riviera (50255) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **1.45-3.10** Film: Once a Hero (8147700) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (6056795) **5.55** Calendar (289071) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (241) **10.40** Musical Routes (309006) **11.10** Married...with Children (199342) **11.40-1.05** Film: How Awful About Allan (863735) **2.05** The Big E (3740781) **3.00** Film: A Time to Triumph (743491) **4.40** Terrorvision (65033323) **5.05-5.30** Challenge of the Seas (3651965)

S4C

Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (96261) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (82919) **9.30** Yagolon (467087) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (95483) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (11919) **1.00** Lift Off (62606) **1.30** Close to Home (93290) **2.00** Film: Mama's Going to Buy You a Mocking Bird (991006) **3.55** Travelog (6337254) **4.25** Slot 23 (5657254) **5.00** Countdown (2416) **5.30** Brookside (648) **6.00** News (306938) **6.10** Heno (726532) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2272) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2272) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (975) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (9280) **8.30** News (332613) **8.55** Film: Aria (293735) **9.40** San Steffan (443087) **10.00** Nurses (90984) **10.30** Absolutely (331716) **11.05** The Word (965532) **12.10** Film: Night of the Ghouls (2946385) **1.25** American Football (8992946) **1.55** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45911008) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6444342) **9.10** Cartoons (1623990) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (59193) **10.00** Strike it Rich (25209) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (28795) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (44822) **12.00** Falcon Crest (49716) **1.00pm** E Street (55938) **1.30** Another World (2204975) **2.15** Santa Barbara (377532) **2.45** Maude (376803) **3.15** The New Leave it to Beaver (373716) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6494990) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8193) **6.00** Rescue (5735) **6.30** E Street (6087) **7.00** Alf (9822) **7.30** Family Ties (2071) **8.00** Code 3 (2342) **8.30** Alien Nation (44025) **9.30** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (23822) **10.30** Studs (29454) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (32087) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS

Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+

6.00am Showcase (4486754) **10.00 She'll Take Romance** (1990). Linda Evans judges a contest to find Seattle's most romantic man (84025) **12.00 Popi** (1969): Drama starring Alan Arkin as a Puerto Rican father (27613) **2.00pm Supermom's Daughter** (1990): Drama about a teenager who decides to teach at nursery school (11006) **3.00 Tail Gunner Joe** (1977): Biopic of Senator Joe McCarthy (921735) **5.30 Xposure:** Film news (3990) **6.00 She'll Take Romance** (as 10am) (43736025) **7.40 Entertainment Tonight** (835445) **8.00 Under the Boardwalk** (1989): Teen-age romance in California (75037754) **9.40 US Top Ten** (533209) **10.00 The Mafia Kid** (1988): Sasha Mitchell stars as a streetwise hood who dreams of becoming a boxing champion (430822) **11.45 Marked for Death** (1990): Violent thriller starring Steven Seagal (982290) **1.20am King of the City** (1986): A drifter seeks fame in Hollywood (804120) **2.55 Sweet Murder** (1990): Money and love come between two girls (872217) **4.30 Framed** (1990): Kristin Scott Thomas embroils Jeff Goldblum in blackmail and art forgery (64304). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.30pm Sergeant York (1941, b/w): Gary Cooper as a first world war hero (749613) **9.00 Prince of the City** (1981): Treat Williams informs on corrupt New York police officers (89245464). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

7.00am The Summer of the Falcon. Children's adventure (38261) **9.00 Brother Sun, Sister Moon** (1972): The life of St Francis of Assisi (49188754) **11.05 Ghost in the Invisible Bikini** (1966). Starring Boris Karloff (69971803) **1.00pm The Uninvited** (1944). Ray Milland and Ruth Hussey rent a haunted house (26984) **3.00 The Summer of the Falcon** (as 7am) (28613) **5.00 The Maid** (1991). Martin Sheen cleans and cooks for Jacqueline Bisset (169901) **7.00 Spymaker — The Secret Life of Ian Fleming** (1991): Jason Connery stars as the writer who created James Bond (56613) **9.00 In a Stranger's Hand** (1991) Robert Urich helps Megan Gallagher to find her missing daughter (35700) **11.00 Sweet Poison** (1991): Patricia Healy plots to murder her husband (317667) **12.45pm She Said No** (1990): Veronica Hamel stars as a rape victim (515323) **2.25 The Fan** (1981): Michael Biehn stalks Lauren Bacall (77506762) **5.00 The Idol** (1966). Michael Parks seduces his friend's girlfriend and her mother (77439). Ends at **6.50**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Stretch (61071) **7.00** Drag Racing (96209) **7.30** The Club Show (75716) **8.00** Red Line (78025) **9.00** Stretch (89445) **9.30** Muscle Night (62445) **10.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (85629) **11.00** European League (84464) **12.00** The Boot Room (39938) **1.00pm** Australian Tennis (6723396) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (28822) **7.00** The Big League (286174) **9.30** Australian Tennis (74209) **11.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (62025) **12.30am** The Big League (361120) **3.00-5.00** Australian Tennis (23410)

EUROSPORT

8.00am Step Aerobics (84990) **8.30** Ford Ski Report (25613) **9.30** Equestrian Highlights (84613) **10.30** Skiing World Cup (24342) **12.30pm** Basketball (70754) **2.00** Figure Skating (49754) **4.00** Trans World Sport (25367) **5.00** Skiing (5261) **6.00** Motorsport (13990) **7.00** Indoor Football (23648) **8.30** News (1445) **9.00** Boxing (90990) **10.30** Skiing (19006) **11.30-12.00** News (49803)

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Volleyball (75936) **8.00** Indoor Hockey (76667) **9.00** Bowling (81939) **10.00** Football Europa (99342) **11.00** NFL American Bowl (35822) **1.00pm** Motorsport (33700) **2.00** Skiing (5648) **2.30** Football Holland (4648) **3.00** Indoor Hockey (94716) **4.00** Monster Trucks (5700) **4.30** Spanish Football (48236) **5.30** NHL Review (11938) **6.30** NBA Action (6629) **7.00** Gillette Sports (9454) **7.30** Go! (19712) **8.30** Pro Muay Thai (84657) **9.30** Boxing (76984) **10.30** NFL American Bowl (31716) **12.30am** Spanish Football (22656) **1.30** Ice Hockey (91052) **3.30** NHL Review (83014) **4.30** Pro Muay Thai (10507) **5.30** Football Holland (90762)

LIFESTYLE

10.00am The Spiral Zone (41261) **10.30** The Rush Limbaugh Show (94957) **11.00** Gloss (17667) **11.30** The Joan Rivers Show (6899919) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1925193) **1.10** David Hamilton's People (9934602) **2.10** Learned Friends (1692367) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (2551) **3.30** The Mothers-in-Law (4261) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke Show (5396) **4.30** Gameshows (24984) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (3532) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (11532) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (344342) **10.00** Jukebox Top Five (1233567) **2.30-3.00** Top Five (74507)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (57717396) **6.15** Button Moon (57705551) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (9896209) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (2259087) **7.30** Neighbours (2261822) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5814938) **8.30** EastEnders (5813209) **9.00** The Bill (5897261) **9.30** The Brothers (8132603) **10.30** Tenko (5893919) **11.30** Terry and June (4661759) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5817025) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7579464) **1.00** EastEnders (2258358) **1.30** The Bill (7578735) **2.00** Never the Twain (1893532) **2.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (7508071) **3.00** Dallas (7852545) **4.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (7695551) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (7691735) **5.00** Neighbours (1711984) **5.30** Dr Who (7682087) **6.00** The Brothers (7587483) **7.00** Never the Twain (1804648) **7.30** Terry and June (7692464) **8.00** EastEnders (1813396) **8.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (1892803) **9.00** Tenko (1695754) **10.00** The Bill (5818754) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (5894174) **11.00** The Goodies (6661939) **11.30** Film: Day of the Triffids (1963) starring Howard Keel and Nicole Maurey (3701648) **1.15-2.00am** Video Bites (3290897)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Including Janáček (Zdenka Variations, Op 1: Rudolf Firkusny, piano); Haydn (Symphony No 15 in D: L'Estro Armonico under Derek Solomons); Handel (Suite in B flat, HWV 434: Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord); Tippett (Fantasia on a Theme of Handel: Margaret Kitchin, piano; LSO under the composer)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Dvořák's Pupils. Karel (Revolutionary Overture, Op 39: Czech PO under Vaclav Smetacek); Karel (Nonet, Op 43, first movement: Czech Nonet); Novak (South Bohemian Suite, Op 64: Czech PO under Frantisek Vajnar)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Purcell (Frost Scene, King Arthur: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, with Nancy Argenta, soprano, Brian Bannatyne-Scott, bass); Grieg (String Quartet in G minor: Norwegian Quartet); Britten (Winter Words: Adrian Thompson, tenor, Graham Johnson, piano); Sibelius (Tapiola: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Herbert von Karajan); Tchaikovsky (January, The Seasons: Mikhail Pletnev, piano); Wagner (Winterstürme, Die Walküre, Act 1: Vienna PO under Georg Solti, with James King, tenor, Régine Crespin, soprano)
12.00 Clérambault Cantatas: Cantata (Médée; Suite in C minor); Cantata (Orphée) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Coull Quartet performs Verdi (String Quartet in E minor); Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 76 No 5)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: The European Community Youth Orchestra under Carlo Maria Giulini; Philharmonia Chorus, with Sharon Sweet, soprano, Jard van Nes, contralto, Keith Lewis, tenor, Jan-Hendrik Rootering, bass, perform Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral)
3.20 Jonathan Plowright, piano: Scriabin (Sonata No 3 in F sharp minor); Chopin (Scherzo No 3 in C sharp minor, Op 39); Liszt (Sonata in B minor)
4.30 Krishna and the Milkmaids: Richard Widdess presents music from the festival of Holi in the small town of Vrindaban, the birthplace of the god Krishna
5.00 In Tune, presented by Richard Baker
7.30 BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk, live from the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow. John Maxwell Geddes (Symphony No 2, In memoriam Bryden Thomson); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat: Ronan O'Hora). **8.25** Nielsen's fifth and sixth symphonies are set in the context of his later period by Richard Rastall. **8.45** Nielsen (Symphony No 5)
9.30 Four More Runyon Rogues: The Brain Goes Home. Kerry Shale reads the last of four short stories by Damon Runyon
9.55 BBC Singers under Simon Joly perform Poulenc (Quatre petites prières de Saint François d'Assise; Ave verum corpus; Figure humaine)
10.30 The Koussevitzky Legacy
● CHOICE: Even if he had done nothing more than commission Britten to write *Peter Grimes,* Serge Koussevitzky's reputation as an important musical benefactor would be guaranteed. But Humphrey Burton's documentary, bursting at the seams with celebrated contributors, ticks off the Russian's other achievements with glorious abandon; his championing, on their native soil, of contemporary composers such as Scriabin, Ravel and Copland; his musical directorship of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and his creation of that cradle of so much musical genius, the Tanglewood festival and academy
11.30 Midnight Oil: George Benjamin introduces three scores by Pierre Boulez from the sixties and seventies. Rituel, in memoriam Bruno Maderna; Pli selon pli, Don; and Tombeau
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Travel writer Dervla Murphy (r) (s)
9.45 Loss of Innocence: The third of six programmes in which Misha Glenny talks about his work as the BBC's central European radio correspondent
10.00-10.30 Hindsight (FM only)
● CHOICE: Two thirds of Christopher Andrew's popular history lesson are light-hearted stuff: how the credit card came into existence in America in 1950 (the man to bless or curse is Frank X. MacNamara), and how to construct a modern version of an ancient war machine that hurls pianos and old Hillman cars through the air instead of dead donkeys and massive boulders. The third item explains how the Church used to penalise sexual wrongdoers. Interestingly, it parallels Aids as a scourge with leprosy in the Middle Ages
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Screwtape Letters (LW only): Letters from a Senior to a Junior Devil, by C.S. Lewis. With Gerald Harper (7/15)
10.30 Woman's Hour from Edinburgh. Valya Schooling talks about her family estate in the Ukraine; and there is a discussion on the jazz singer Bessie Smith, who is the subject of new play, *Every Bit of It.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 You and Yours, with Tasmeen Siddiki
12.25pm The Food Programme examines the history of the crisp **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky, by Patrick Hamilton. The final part of Frederick Bradnum's adaptation (r) (s)
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde reviews *The Maker of the Omnibus* by Jack Hodges; Francisco Goldman's first novel, *The Long Night of White Chickens*; and the novelist Toni Morrison remembers her first published book (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the first night of Max Stafford Clark's production of *King Lear,* and an exhibition of sculpture at the Hayward Gallery; and investigates Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* as a text for adaptation (s)
4.45 Short Story: Heartland, by Fiona Barr. Read by Stephen Rea (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a discussion in Tamworth, Staffordshire, between Menzies Campbell, MP, Liberal Democrat defence spokesman; Janet Daley, journalist; Stephen Dorrell, MP, financial secretary to the Treasury; and John Prescott, MP, shadow transport secretary
8.50 Stop Press: John Diamond examines the week's press and the newspaper business from New York
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen meets the director Elijah Moshinsky (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Mr Olim, by Ernest Raymond. Ian Holm reads the last of ten episodes
11.00 Week Ending: A review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Singer and the Song: Paul Jones **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band. The William Davis Construction Band under Keith Wilkinson **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Austin Mitchell visits Barnsley **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Partnerships **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 9-11, **1.20** Playtime; **1.35** The Music Box; **1.50** Something to Think About; **2.05** Music Workshop: Music Course 3 **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** King Street Junior (r) **7.15** The Great Hamburger Disaster (3/5) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III **10.10** Rave, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.14** Travel News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Taking Issue Around the World **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** Seven Seas **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mitagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midnight** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Taking Issue Around the World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook Live **2.30** Off the Shelf: Titus Groan **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** World News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** World News and Business Report **5.14** Travel News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** News About Britain **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: Silk Dress **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1); Sibelius (Symphony No 5) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Classic FM Concert: New York PO under Bernstein performs Beethoven (Leonora Overture). Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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Crucial toss helps India to level one-day series

England wither after Sidhu resumes attack

FROM PETER BALL IN CHANDIGARH

ENGLAND and India will have everything to play for when the one-day series resumes late next month. India yesterday enjoyed a comfortable victory in the second match with five wickets and 4.5 overs to spare to level the series at 1-1.

Sidhu once again plundered the England attack. His previous performances suggested that he had taken a serious liking to John Emburey. We can now amend that. He just has a taste for English spin of any variety.

Salisbury came in as Emburey's replacement to receive much the same treatment as the off spinner. Sidhu despatched him over mid-on for his twelfth and thirteenth sixes against the touring team as he hit 76 off 107 balls, the excitement bringing a dozen of the 30,000 capacity crowd crashing to the ground as the branch they were sitting on broke under the pressure.

Sidhu has now scored 299 from the England attack in five innings. His selection for the first Test in Calcutta starting on January 29 was a foregone conclusion, making him the least surprising of the four changes when the squad was announced after yesterday's game.

There was also succour for Azharuddin, whose captaincy, apart from winning the toss, still looked uncertain. The win will help his confidence, and perhaps more important for his side, he showed signs that his batting form is returning as he guided his side to the brink of victory.

Yesterday's events are unlikely to have done much damage to England's confidence. The margin of victory was conclusive but deceptive. Like some NatWest Trophy finals in the September damp, winning the toss meant winning the match.

"It is very difficult when you have to bat on a green, damp pitch and the ball is moving around like that," Keith Fletcher, the England manager, said. "You can't prepare for batting in those conditions."

The cricket ground, with its green grass, trim pavilion and surrounding banks of trees, resembled an English county ground. For a time too, the climate was more Chesterfield than Chandigarh.

Kapil Dev was in his home town and possibly the best bowler in the world to exploit such conditions. He soon had England on the ropes. That they escaped at all owed something to the stern faced resistance offered by Smith and the freer strokes of Hick; something to some poor fielding again by the home team; and something to some unimaginative captaincy.

Azharuddin is a charming, gentle man, not a common trait among international captains, and he is a fine batsman. On yesterday's evidence, as a tactician, he has some way to go.

His decision to replace Kapil with Tendulkar when England were 20 for two with the ball swinging and seaming remorselessly, lifted the pressure at a time they could have been destroyed. To compound his error at the end, as at Jaipur, Kapil proved a dubious asset, conceding 22 off his last two overs.

When he was taken off initially, his figures read 6-2-9-1. From the first ball, England knew that losing the toss in the far north was potentially decisive as Gooch's forward push had Amre diving forward but just failing to take a catch at extra cover.

Under pressure they played some bad strokes. Stewart went first, cutting Kapil to cover. Gooch pulled Srinath's opening loosener to mid-wicket having not got across. Gatting's search for his first run ended as he tried to turn Srinath to leg and the ball got high up his bat and looped back for the bowler to take a good catch.

Had Kumble clutched an edge from Smith off Kapil before he had scored, England's state would have been parlous but Smith hung on grimly as 50 balls passed without a run coming from the bat.

Then Azharuddin relaxed the pressure with first Tendulkar and then the spinners and, spotting a gap, England dashed for the safety of the hills.

Fairbrother, who had briefly looked the more composed, failed to make it, trapped leg-before by Raju's first ball, but Hick joined Smith to lead the revival. Mushtaq Ahmed may be beyond Hick's comprehension but Kumble's flat top-spinners were straightforward and treated with no more respect than they deserved.

To add insult to injury, Reeve arrived in time to dent Kapil's figures by hoiking length balls from outside off stump anywhere between long-on and square leg. It took England to respectability, but no more as the pitch by then had dried out and Sidhu prospered.

Kambli did not, but his hundred in the first match had been enough to guarantee him a place in the Test squad, where he is joined by Rajesh Chauhan and Ajay Sharma who had impressed against the touring side in their opening matches, to make five changes in the Indian squad from the team that visited South Africa. India are getting together the four days before the Test.

INDIAN SQUAD: M Azharuddin (captain), N S Sidhu, W V Raman, V G Kambli, S R Tendulkar, A Sharma, P K Amre, K S More, Kapil Dev, M Prabhakar, J Srinath, R Chauhan, S L V Raju, A Kumble.

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GRAHAM MORRIS



Aiming off: Hick is bowled for 56 swinging across to Kapil Dev yesterday

India won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch c Tendulkar b Srinath *Weak pull head high to mid-wkt*	7	—	—	44	27
†A J Stewart c Azharuddin b Kapil *Square cut low to backward point*	7	—	1	29	21
R A Smith lbw b Kumble *Stretching forward*	42	—	4	130	106
M W Gatting c and b Srinath *Sliced drive, played too early*	0	—	—	17	12
N H Fairbrother lbw b Raju *Playing across the line*	7	—	1	26	17
G A Hick b Kapil Dev *Hitting across good length ball*	56	—	4	92	73
D A Reeve not out	33	—	4	49	33
C C Lewis not out	16	—	—	28	16
Extras (lb 13, w 13, nb 4)	30				
Total (6 wkts, 211 min, 50 overs)	198				

P A J DeFreitas, I D K Salisbury and P W Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19 (Gooch 7), 2-20 (Smith 0), 3-22 (Smith 0), 4-49 (Smith 13), 5-132 (Hick 49), 6-153 (Reeve 6).

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-2-40-2 (w 2) (6-2-9-1, 4-0-31-1); Prabhakar 8-0-30-0 (nb 4, w 2) (4-0-10-0, 3-0-14-0, 1-0-6-0); Srinath 10-2-34-2 (nb 1, w 6) (6-2-14-2, 4-0-20-0); Tendulkar 3-0-18-0 (w 3) (one spell); Raju 9-0-28-1 (one spell); Kumble 10-0-37-1.

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10 overs: 20; 20: 57; 30: 94; 40: 133

INDIA

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
N S Sidhu c Reeve b DeFreitas *Edged head high to slip*	76	2	5	152	107
M Prabhkar c Reeve b Lewis *Low drive to short extra cover*	36	—	4	91	59
V G Kambli c and b Jarvis *Knee high drive*	9	—	—	21	24
*M Azharuddin lbw b Reeve *Missing swing to leg*	36	—	3	79	44
S R Tendulkar lbw b DeFreitas *Hitting across the line*	1	—	—	9	5
P K Amre not out	24	—	4	37	32
Kapil Dev not out	5	—	1	4	4
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 6)	14				
Total (5 wkts, 45.1 overs)	201				

†V Yadav, A R Kumble, J Srinath and S L V Raju did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79 (Sidhu 36), 2-89 (Sidhu 42), 3-148 (Azharuddin 14), 4-161 (Azharuddin 25), 5-195 (Amre 23).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-1-31-2 (nb 1) (6-1-15-0, 4-0-15-2); Jarvis 10-1-43-1 (nb 2) (5-1-16-0, 3-0-18-1, 2-0-9-0); Reeve 6.1-0-33-1 (3-0-16-0, 3.1-0-17-1); Lewis 10-0-47-1 (nb 1, w 1) (2-0-8-0, 5-0-18-1, 3-0-21-0); Salisbury 8-1-42-0 (w 1) (one spell); Gatting 1-0-2-0 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 10: 29; 20: 77; 30: 116; 40: 179.

Umpires: R V Ramani and V K Ramaswamy.

Man of the match: N S Sidhu.

PREVIOUS RESULT: Jan 18: England won by 4 wickets (Jaipur).

REMAINING MATCHES: Feb 26: Bangalore. March 1: Jamshedpur. Mar 4: Gwalior. Mar 5: Gwalior.

Nebiolo refuses to back down on prize-money

FROM DAVID MILLER IN JAKARTA

PRIMO Nebiolo is biting the bullet. Twice. The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has no intention, its president made clear yesterday, of yielding either to Butch Reynolds, the formerly suspended 400 metres world record-holder, or to the demands of agents for prize-money at this year's world championships in Stuttgart.

In collaboration with Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Nebiolo and his IAAF council, meeting here, will attempt to protect the financial stability of athletics and the unique ambience of the Olympic Games. Prize-money granted in the world championships of one would inevitably lead to similar demands for the other.

There is no intention, as has been reported, of "buying out" Reynolds, who was awarded damages of $27 million against the IAAF in Ohio last year after it suspended him for two years over a positive drugs test in 1990. The IAAF has refused to recognise the court's jurisdiction.

"The agents' demand is for $265,000 prize-money per event and, apart from the principle, we simply don't have that kind of money available," Nebiolo said yesterday. "For two world championships in the next four years, and including demands for indoor events, the total would approach $40 million for a relatively small number of athletes."

Simultaneously, the IOC and IAAF are working on the creation of an independent international judicial commission that would determine, among other issues, appeals on drugs-testing and reduce the likelihood of repeated recourse to the civil courts.

The IAAF council will discuss a proposal this weekend that, for further protection of the Olympics and the general interests of their own 202 national federations, athletes selected for the world championships who then boycott the event should not be selected for either the next Games or for the IAAF/Mobil grand prix finals.

This seems sensible. The posturing threat of a boycott by the leading performers on the part of the agents, such as Joe Douglas, Jos Hermens and David Greifinger, of the International Association of Athletes' Representatives (IAAR) executive board, is likely to do most damage to the athletes. The depth of standard in the big events is sufficient to produce credible champions from Africa, the Caribbean and Asia in the absence of stars. The creation of a new champion would immediately devalue the former champion and affect the pro-rata rewards from grand prix promoters, sponsors and endorsements.

The council is expected to disclose how it will distribute resources of some $170 million over four years. Almost 40 per cent of this, for instance, will go to the staging of its 25 championships at all levels, and a further 20 per cent on coaching, instruction and administration development among the federations.

The council is expected to recommend, to the next assembly in Stuttgart, the payment of additional funds to the 202 federations, which would then have the option, already exercised by some, to make statutory payments to medal-winners.

"Both Samaranch and I are agreed that athletes should be rewarded for their time and efforts in the championships and the Olympics," Nebiolo said. "But this should be by national bodies. The Italian federation, for example, has already agreed on $50,000 for any gold medal-winner in Stuttgart."

Sven-Arne Hansen, the Oslo grand prix promoter, considers that some money must go to the athletes, in view of the IAAF's new four-year contract with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) for $91 million, but that it should come through federations.

"We [the promoters] have access to less money because of the EBU deal," Hansen argues. "The only athlete to receive more at Oslo than Sebastian Coe ten years ago has been Morceli."

On the drugs front, the aim of François Carrard, the IOC's director, is to establish a body similar to the appeal court of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, now accepted by the governments and civil courts of most nations. But, essentially, it would require an independent chairman.

Samaranch and Nebiolo are seeking, through support from the US congress and senate, an amendment to the US Amateur Sports Act, which would recognise the jurisdiction of an independent sports tribunal. Discussions have already taken place with Leroy Walker, the president of the US Olympic Committee.

Resistance against Reynolds will continue. Mark Gay, the IAAF's London lawyer, reveals that if Reynolds should seek a judgment in another state similar to Ohio's, the IAAF would contest the Ohio court's right to such a juridical enforcement.

Hartlepool to appeal

MEL Stein, the leading football lawyer, is confident that Hartlepool United's FA Cup fourth-round tie at Sheffield United tomorrow will go ahead, even though the club was wound up on Wednesday.

The London Companies Court ordered the winding up of the second division club because of outstanding debts of more than £260,000 owed to the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise. However, Stein is making an application for the order to be overturned in the High Court today, allowing the match to go ahead.

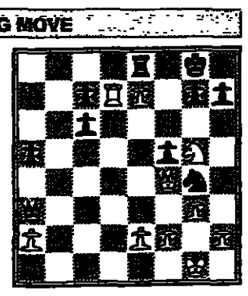
Denis Smith was yesterday dismissed as manager of Bristol City, ten months after being appointed. He is being replaced in the short term by his assistant, Russell Osman.

Tottenham Hotspur failed yesterday to sign Oleg Salenko, a Ukrainian forward from Dynamo Kiev, when he was refused a work permit.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Nigel Short's Candidate's Final match against Jan Timman is currently in progress. This position is from a previous encounter, Timman – Short, Tilburg 1990, and serves a warning of how dangerous an opponent Timman can be. Can you see the classic combination with which Timman concluded here?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

HISTORICALS

CAMPERDOWN
a. Scene of a Hippie invasion in Wiltshire
b. British naval victory
c. An American racecourse

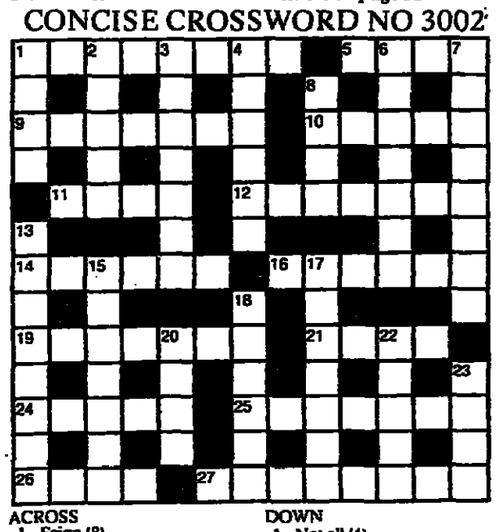
GLUTTERED
a. Trickled like candle-wax
b. Mumbled
c. Glared and glowered

JOHN LACKLAND
a. King John
b. Leader of Peasants' Revolt
c. 14th-century English poet

THE SOKE OF PETERBOROUGH
a. Drunken Barnaby
b. Official name of the See
c. Obsolete county division

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3002



ACROSS
1 Feign (8)
5 Horse check call (4)
9 Commonplace (7)
10 Personal acclaim (5)
11 Miserly (4)
12 Skipper (7)
14 Live (6)
16 Rough drawing (6)
19 In name only (7)
21 Slight cut (4)
24 Open Yorkshire area (5)
25 US address system (3,4)
26 Inquisitive (4)
27 Front line ditches (8)

DOWN
1 Not all (4)
2 Minister's house (5)
3 Erudite (7)
4 From that place (6)
6 Water main outlet (7)
7 Wormwood drink (8)
8 Pass over (4)
13 Nominal leader (5,3)
15 Order to appear (7)
17 Crucial part (7)
18 Smart jacket (6)
20 Bird's home (4)
22 Suit fabric (5)
23 Not as much (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 3001

ACROSS: 1 Bath chap 7 Click 8 Nitpicker 9 Set 10 Fill 11 Hermit 13 Tarsus 14 Places 19 Badger 20 Knit 23 Bar 23 Whitewash 24 Rowan 25 Cerebral

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Crack found in keel of Nuclear Electric

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

CLOSE inspections of the yachts in the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race yesterday uncovered a vertical crack in the keel of John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric, the race leader.

The damage to the yacht's 12-tonne cast-iron keel was revealed when Nuclear Electric was slipped at Hobart, the halfway stage in the 27,000-mile race, and follows a long list of breakages experienced within the fleet during the 8,800-mile heavy weather stage through the Southern Ocean from Rio de Janeiro.

The crack down the centre of Nuclear Electric's keel is, race organisers believe, a casting failure and not one related to stresses generated within the hull during the race. Samples taken from the keel have been sent to a laboratory to identify the cause, and organisers plan to repair the damage by welding half-inch plates across the crack. Divers who went down to inspect the nine other yachts within the fleet gave their keels a clean bill of health.

Andrew Roberts, the race technical director, said: "The keel might be cracked, but it is in no danger of falling off. I always knew these boats were immensely strong, but to see one showing keel damage and being sailed into first place, shows just how strong and safe they are."

Apart from the new mast sent out to replace the rig lost overboard in mid-ocean from British Steel 2, a spokesman for Proctor Masts at Southampton confirmed that Nuclear Electric is to receive a new top mast to replace her kinked section and new sections have been flown out to replace the damaged parts of Coopers & Lybrand and Hofbrau Lager's cracked masts. All the masts are also to be sleeved at deck level to provide extra strength.

Williams team absent from Fisa start sheet

BY STEPHEN SLATER

THE name of the Canon-Williams team, which holds the Formula One contructors' championship, was missing when the official entry list for 1993 was issued yesterday by Fisa, the governing body.

Two other teams are reported to have blocked the inclusion of Williams, with which Nigel Mansell won the drivers' title last season.

Williams have announced that Alain Prost and Damon Hill will be their drivers for 1993. But their names were also absent from the Fisa communique.

The only potential reference to the team is a paragraph that reads: "Certain additional teams have indicated their wish to participate in the championship but have not yet lodged valid applications. Enquiries should be addressed to them."

This bizarre state of affairs stems from a dispute last November, when Fisa alleged that the Williams team had failed to submit its entry in time to register formally for the championship, although the team owner, Frank Williams, insisted that he had filed an entry with the Formula One Constructors Association (Foca), as he had done for the previous 12 years.

There have been disagreements between Williams and Fisa over rules changes for the new season but last night Frank Williams was confident that his cars would be on the grid when the season opens in South Africa in March.

"Our entry was received by Fisa on November 16," Williams said. "Fisa required us to seek the acceptance of the entry by the unanimous agreement of all the other teams. Two have refused to sign, in order to obtain concessions involving limiting Formula One technology and the introduction of a pace car for non-safety reasons."

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